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RED ELECTIONS

INSPIRED reports from Moscow some time ago that the Soviet Union was considering a new election procedure, under which voters would be given limited freedom of choice in electing candidates to the Supreme Soviet, are not borne out by an announcement regarding the elections to be held in March.

Under customary Soviet procedure there is no freedom of choice because only as many candidates are nominated as are returnable by constituencies. Candidates stand for election on behalf of the "Communist and non-party bloc" and preselection of candidates before it comes to the vote ensures that only "worthy" citizens are nominated.

Freedom

EARLIER Moscow reports said that it was intended to modify this procedure allowing more candidates—though still preselected—than there were seats for each constituency, so making it possible for freedom of choice to be exercised. This procedure was allowed in the last Polish elections.

Izvestia in an article earlier this month had already given an indication that no change was intended when it went out of its way to criticise attempts to "cast doubt on the consistently democratic character of the Soviet election procedure."

In the party itself real freedom of choice has recently been permitted in the number of election candidates to local party committees.

Alarm

AS a result many official candidates have failed to secure their election and this has given rise to considerable alarm in Moscow which has been reflected in the party press.

For this trend at the lowest party levels could in some circumstances assume a force which could threaten the very highest leadership.

Leadership of a party cell in a factory of firms are elected by secret ballot of all members, while leaders of a town or district organisation are elected by delegate conference.

In most cases secrecy of the ballot is believed to be quite genuine. But a higher party official "helps" to draw up the list of candidates and makes sure that the number of candidates is no higher than the number of vacancies.

New Feeling

HOWEVER, with the new feeling of independence in the party rank and file this method, which together with terror always in the background was so effective under Stalin, has been no longer adequate.

The Soviet press has admitted that in a number of cases party officials have tried to force unworthy candidates on party organisations and it has welcomed the "initiative" of members who refused to be put upon in this way.

But Izvestia insists that elections must be skillfully controlled and not allowed to get out of hand which is a fair indication that the Soviet Union has no intention of carrying out its promise to the nation.



Peter Thorneycroft
HE RESIGNED

Mobs Try To Attack Nehru

Madras, Jan. 6.
Police today clashed with demonstrators who tried to attack the car in which Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, drove into Madras after arriving at a nearby airport.

Mr. Nehru's car escaped damage, but several following it in the official procession were dented. Twenty-six persons were arrested.

In further demonstrations, 25 persons were injured when police used tear gas and mace baton charges.

INSULTING REMARKS

The demonstrators were members of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam—an extremist Hindu Brahmin organisation—who were protesting against "insulting remarks" which they alleged Mr. Nehru had made about south Indians.

Mr. Nehru had described as "completely wrong" the attitude of eminent south Indians that the north Indian language Hindi was being "imposed" on the Dravidian-speaking south Indians.

More than 2,000 Kazhagam followers waved black flags as Mr. Nehru drove into Madras. He is here to open the first annual session of the Indian Science Congress.—Reuter.

TROUT GET DRUNK

Bolzano, Jan. 6.
Thousands of trout went on a drunken spree here last night when their home river was spiked with 2,642 gallons of fiery Italian liquor.

Villagers picked up the fish, who were too drunk to care, by the thousands after a tank truck trailer broke loose from its truck and spilled its cargo of Grappa into the Isarco River.—United Press.

CREDIT FOR INDONESIA

Djakarta, Jan. 6.
The leading Indonesian newspaper Sin Po said tonight that China had offered Indonesia credit worth US\$20 million.

The Ministry of Industry, the newspaper said, would submit a report to the cabinet on the credit to be used for textile factories—if it found to be suitable.

Sin Po said the Indonesian Government was also discussing an offer from the Italian Government of US\$20 million credit.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER GIVES UP

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 6.
A police corporal, a civilian, and a terrorist have been killed in security operations during the past two days. A terrorist has surrendered, and a suspect has been detained.

The corporal, leading scout in a

police patrol, was shot dead by terrorists in Johore State. The civilian, an Indian cook, died of gunshot wounds after terrorists attacked a plantation in Perak State, northern Malaya.

A Gurkha patrol shot dead an Indian terrorist during a

brush with five Communists in Johore.

In Perak a Chinese terrorist—the only surviving member of a Communist Party branch—gave himself up at a special constabulary post.—Reuter.

Thorneycroft Walks Out On Macmillan

London, Jan. 6.
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Peter Thorneycroft, walked out of the British Cabinet tonight, in a dispute over cutting back Government spending.

Mr. Thorneycroft, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's economic policy chief, declared, "I am not prepared to approve estimates for the Government's current expenditure next year at a total higher than the sum that will be spent this year."

He was joined by his two chief assistants, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Nigel Birch, and Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Enoch Powell, in walking out on the Cabinet. This crisis broke only a few hours before Macmillan's scheduled departure for a six-week Commonwealth tour.

The Letter

The Prime Minister immediately named Agriculture Minister Derek Heathcoat-Amory to succeed Thorneycroft.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Thorneycroft made it plain how firmly he feels Britain's economy cannot stand any increase in public spending.

But he added, "It is clear" that in demanding a limit to government spending "I do not have your support or that of a number of our colleagues."

"In the circumstances, and since the level of Government expenditure is central to my responsibilities as Chancellor of the Exchequer, resignation is the only course open to me," he said.

Was Fighting

Mr. Thorneycroft in his letter made it plain he believed he was fighting for Britain's economic life.

The country has just weathered another dangerous assault on its gold and dollar reserves. It did so by clamping down on internal borrowing, borrowing dollars from the United States and the International Monetary Fund, and postponing loan payments to the United States and Canada.

"In the sterling crisis of last summer," Mr. Thorneycroft said, "restrictions were placed upon the level of public investment and of bank advances."

"The Government itself must, in my view, accept the same measure of financial discipline as it seeks to impose on others."

The Reply

Replying, Mr. Macmillan said that to accept Mr. Thorneycroft's demands would mean "cuts in vital services, including those especially affecting certain aspects of family life."

The Prime Minister said that "something less than one per cent" of the total budget was at dispute.

"I must add," he said, "that your resignation at the present time cannot help to sustain and may damage the interests which we have all been trying to preserve."

Reshuffle

Financial observers were inclined to agree insofar as short-term reaction is concerned.

It was generally predicted that the world money markets would react sternly against the pound tomorrow when it had just reached one of the highest levels in recent years.



THE SUCCESSOR
Derek Heathcoat-Amory

The 40-year-old Chancellor's abrupt resignation set off a major Cabinet reshuffle almost exactly a year after Mr. Macmillan became Prime Minister.

Captain Christopher Scholmes, son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill, moved into a post—Secretary of State for War. He replaced Secretary John Hare who in turn replaced Heathcoat-Amory.

The crisis burst like a bombshell. There had been no forewarning. It caught the Cabinet in the midst of planning the new year's budget and tax bills which must be framed by April.

Went Ahead

Nevertheless, Macmillan decided to go ahead with his 10 a.m. takeoff for India and the Far East tomorrow morning.

He announced his decision on the Cabinet to Queen Elizabeth tonight at a previously-scheduled audience in Buckingham Palace, then went right ahead with a cocktail party for the High Commissioners whose countries he will be visiting.

In the reshuffle, J. E. Simon, Under-Secretary at the Home Office, was named to succeed Powell as Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Mr. Macmillan did not replace Birch as Economic Secretary. The duty was added to the portfolio of General Reginald Maudling.

Mr. Macmillan's minister-at-large on European free trade policy.

No Change

The new Chancellor, Mr. Heathcoat-Amory, immediately declared "the change of Chancellor means no change in the Government's economic or financial policy."

Political observers hailed Mr. Thorneycroft as one of the ablest of Britain's younger government members.

His political career in the limelight was short, but meteoric, a back-bencher up to 1951, he plotted the Party's policy that helped them win the election to take over from the Labour Government.—United Press.

Army Plot

Darmstadt, Jan. 6.
The Government of Premier Abdul Wahhab Merjani of Iraq has arrested a group of army officers who plotted to overthrow him, the Lebanese weekly magazine Al Raik reported today.

Unconfirmed reports from Baghdad said a high ranking police officer, "who was one of the group, divulged the secret of the planned coup to the authorities shortly before it was scheduled to take place," the magazine said.—United Press.

RUSSIA LAUNCHES ITS FIRST MANNED MISSILE?

Moscow, Jan. 6.
Western diplomatic circles reported rumours here tonight that Russia has launched its first manned missile. There was no confirmation of the rumours.

Western correspondents in Moscow said they believed the Soviet Government would make a statement on the rumours later tonight.

The Next Step

Following the launching of the first Soviet satellite on October 4 and the second satellite, containing a dog, some observers felt a manned missile would be the next step.

The rumours reported that the manned missile went 183 miles into space.—United Press.

POLITICAL CIRCLES REPORT: British Cabinet Declares Truce On Cyprus Issue

London, Jan. 6.
A truce on the subject of Cyprus has been called within the British cabinet to allow Prime Minister Harold Macmillan to leave tomorrow on his tour of five Commonwealth countries, political circles indicated today.

Mystery Of Captured Ship Deepens

Singapore, Jan. 6.
The mystery of the captured Panamanian registered freighter "Honesta" deepened today as the parties involved disclaimed any knowledge or information of the vessel.

The 2,770-ton freighter on charter to a local Chinese import-export firm was reportedly captured last Monday by an Indonesian gunboat while on her way to Singapore with cargo of copra from the Celebes.

FRUITLESS

Since then, all efforts to trace the whereabouts of the captured vessel had proved fruitless.

The Indonesian Naval Attaché in Singapore would only say he had cabled Djakarta but no reply has come from authorities there.

Meanwhile, the charterers, Lian Sin Trading Company, and the ship's agent, Chio Hwa Shipping Company, maintained a strict silence and refused to comment on the fate of the vessel.

NEGOTIATE

A highly informed source said the Honesta was being held at an Indonesian gunboat base at Tandjong Uban, one of the Indonesian islands south of Singapore.

It was understood that two of the charterers' representatives have gone to try and "negotiate for the release" of the ship.

But the sources said the situation may now become complicated with reports that Navy Cables had announced severance of ties with provincial authorities recognised by the Central Government in Djakarta.—United Press.

Cabinet Called

Djakarta, Jan. 6.
Dr. Djaukara Kartawidjaja, Indonesian Prime Minister, called a cabinet meeting today immediately after President Soekarno left on a six-week health trip.

The meeting was attended by Major-General Abdul Haris Nasution, Army Chief of Staff.—Reuter.

PLANE CRASHES INTO MIDDLE OF A HOUSE

Norfolk, Jan. 6.
A Navy P-4-M bomber skimmed across the rooftops of a summer resort area late today and crashed "smack into the middle" of a two-storey residence setting it afire.

Eight crewmen aboard the plane were injured and four were unaccounted for.

The Navy announced that an unidentified civilian in the area was injured but not seriously.

Hospitalised

The eight crewmen hospitalised were reported not critically hurt.

A Navy spokesman who arrived at the scene, about five miles east of Norfolk, some 30 minutes after the P-4-M Martin Mercator crashed into the two-storey home said it appeared to have clipped the rooftops of five others.

"The plane damaged the roofs of the first five houses it struck," the spokesman said, "and landed smack in the middle of the last."

Chemical Spray

"The house where the plane struck burned furiously for an hour after the crash," he said. Firemen used chemical spray to bring the fire under control about 80 minutes after the crash.

Another witness said one woman fled from the two-storey house before the plane, which he said was flying "unusually low," rammed into it.

Twelve men were aboard the plane, the Navy said, which was returning from a flight to Bermuda.

The crash occurred not far from the Little Creek Navy amphibious base.—United Press.

Caught Red-Handed

Spray, N.C., Jan. 6.
Truck driver Frank Gibson, 35, faced concealed weapons charge today because a judge trying him for non-support saw a pistol protruding from the defendant's pocket.—United Press.

CONSULTATIONS

Meanwhile, Cyprus Governor Sir Hugh Foot will return to Nicosia and the Foreign Office will begin diplomatic consultations with Greece and Turkey.

Political circles indicated that the majority of the cabinet approved a more liberal policy providing for resumed negotiations with Archbishop Makarios, spiritual head of the "Union with Greece" Movement.

For diplomatic reasons, this decision will not be able to go into effect until several weeks from now.

The present conflict between Lord Hailsham, representing the right-wing of the Conservative Party and most of the other cabinet members might flare up again at that time.—France-Press.

Russians Claim Another First

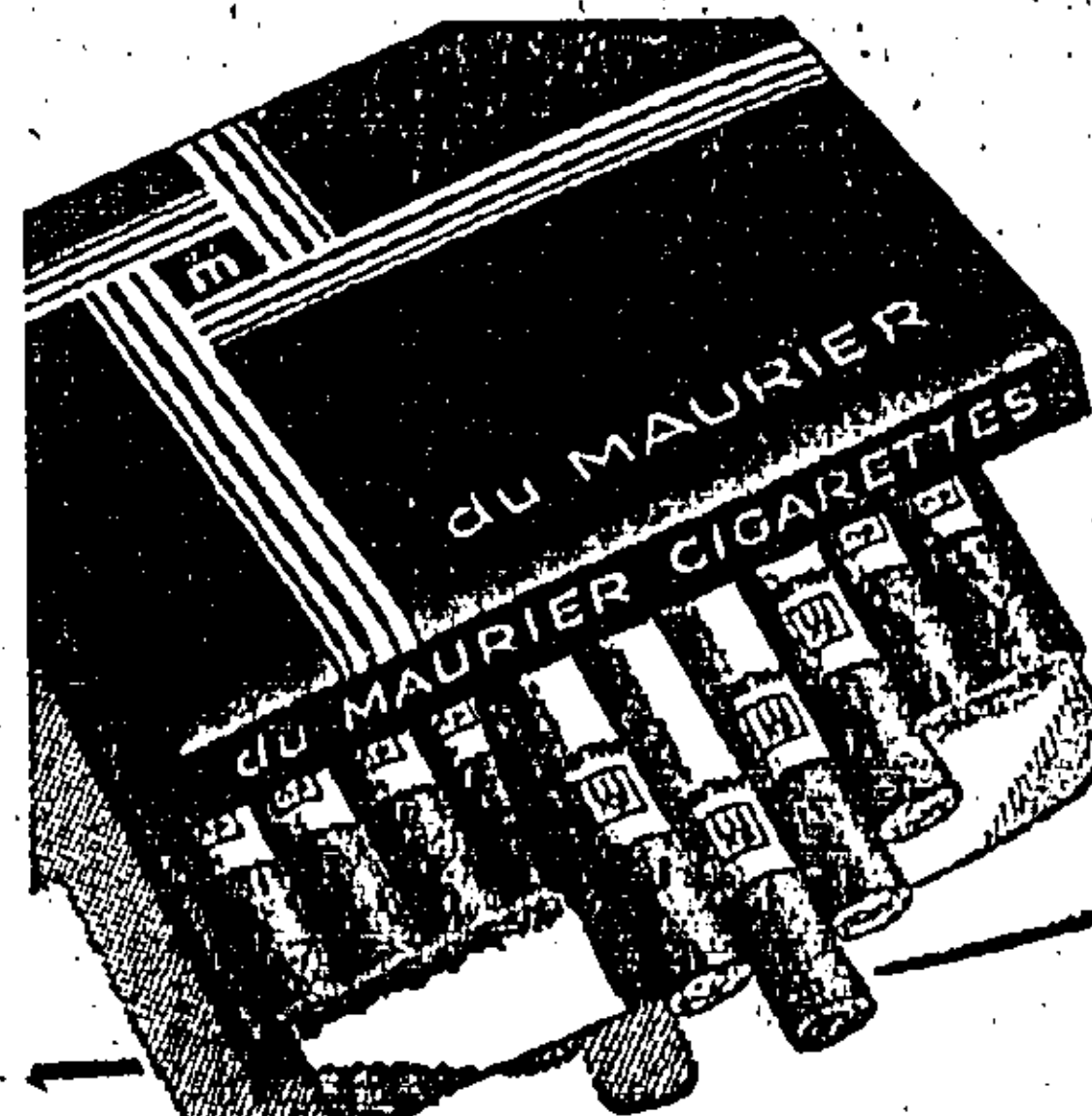
Bonn, Jan. 6.
Russian experiments with rocket weapons went back as far as the middle of the 19th century, an article in the German language publication of the Soviet Embassy claimed here today.

Reports in Western newspapers on the origins of rocket weapons and space rockets did not represent the facts, the article added, "as Soviet Russia has a long tradition in the field of rocket research and flight."

The first scientific programme for rocket flights into space, using liquid propellants, was worked out by a Russian scientist in 1903, the article claimed. At that time no other scientist had attempted this, it added.—China Mail Special.

Hungry Man

Richmond, Jan. 6.
Leslie Philip, Judd, 32, was given a conditional discharge for a year in court today after the judge was told he had stepped through a plate glass window in a Woolworth store, then sat down and ate a marshmallow and chocolate cake.—China Mail Special.



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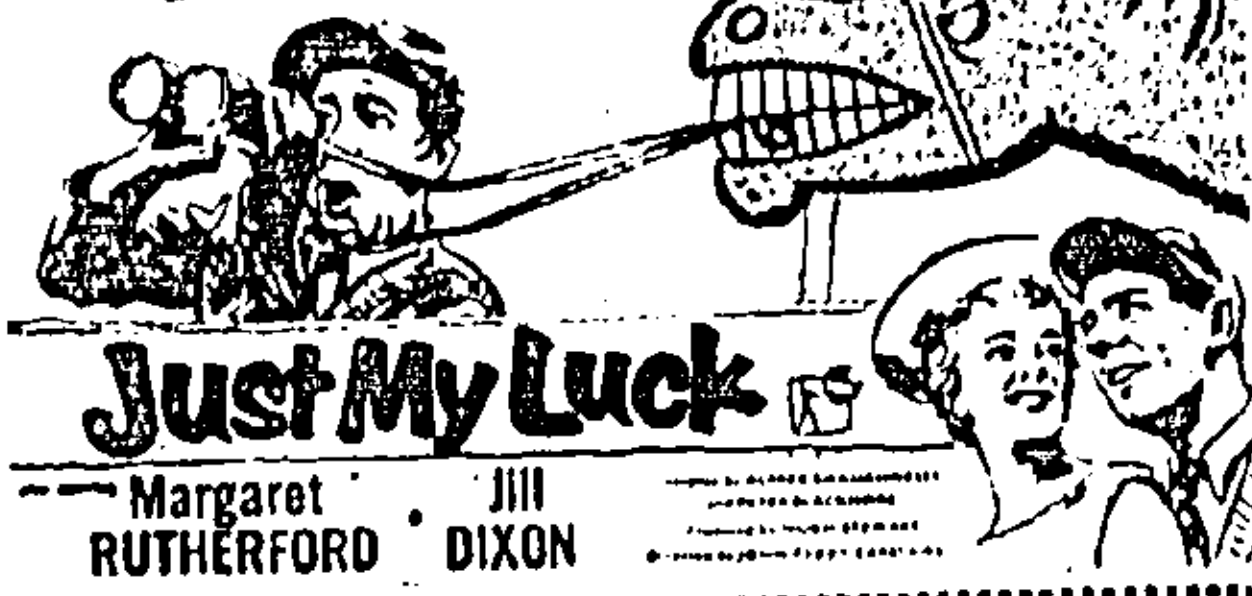


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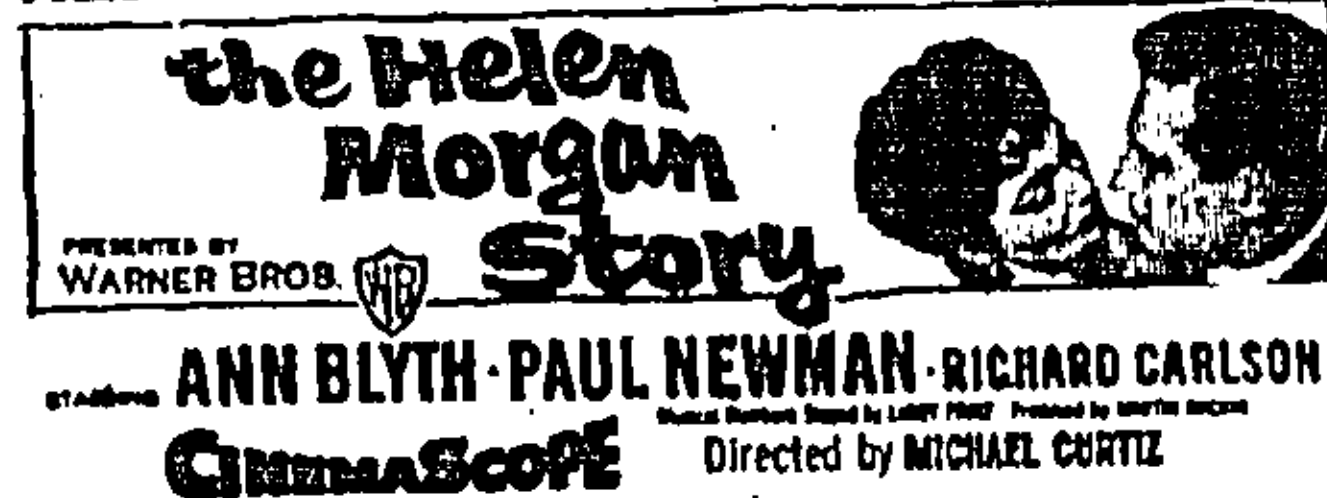
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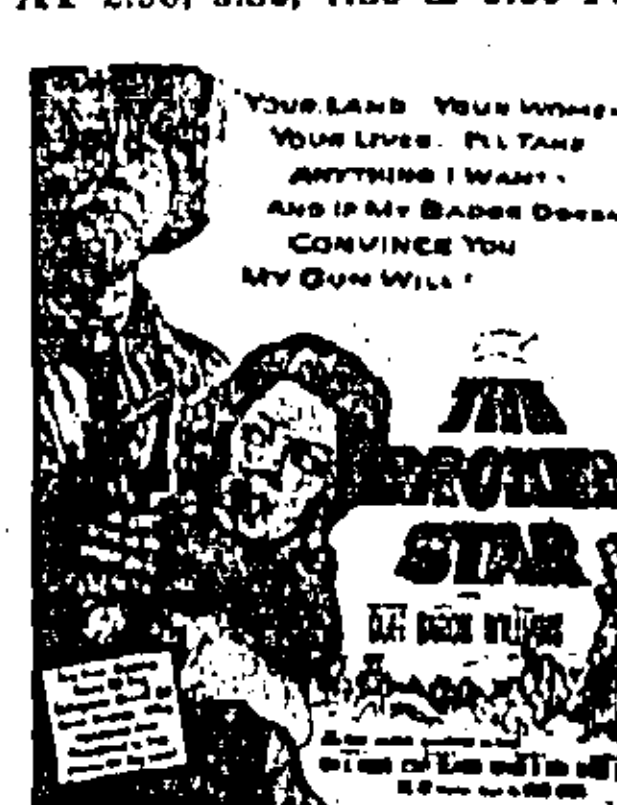


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The Moscow Scheme To Reduce Forces

MOSCOW Radio tonight broadcast the full statement by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, on the reduction of Russian forces.

The Radio said: "The Soviet news agency Tass reports a new reduction in the armed forces of the U.S.S.R. A statement released says that in keeping with the Supreme Soviet's decision of December 21, 1952, and guided by the Leninist policy of peace and friendship between nations, as well as a sincere desire to lessen international tension, the Soviet Government has ordered a new cut in the armed forces of 300,000 men. This is in addition to the reduction of 1,840,000 men in 1955 and 1956.

"Military units and formations totalling more than 41,000 men are being withdrawn from the German Democratic Republic to Soviet territory and disbanded. "From Hungary, units and formations numbering more than 17,000 men are to be withdrawn to Soviet territory and disbanded.

London, Jan. 6.

"In taking this unilateral step prior to a general disarmament, the Soviet Government regards it as a new major contribution to the cause of lessening tensions and creating trust in relations between states.

"It expresses the hope that this act of goodwill will set the example for other states, and primarily for the leading Nato powers, the U.S.A., Britain and France, which possess large armed forces, in taking practical measures to reduce armed forces and stop the arms race, which is burdensome and dangerous for the people.

"The funds economised as a result of the latest reduction in the armed forces and military spending will be diverted by the Soviet Government to peaceful construction and further improving the people's material and cultural standards.

"The men released from the armed forces will be provided with jobs at their places of residence."—China Mail Special.

RUSSIA'S PLAN: REACTION

He Loses The
\$64,000
Prize, But
Gets \$4,000

New York, Jan. 6.
Dress designer Oleg Cassini and Philadelphia tailor Edwin Lieberman settled for US\$4,000 consolation money on CBS-TV's "64,000 Challenge" last night after incorrectly identifying a Zuni Indian firegod mask.

Cassini said the mask was an Iriquois Coy God Mask, while Lieberman identified it as a Seneca mask used in agricultural worship. They were contesting for the US\$32,000 prize money when they were eliminated.

In other matches, New York City spelling champ Cynthia Lynch, 13, and challenger Albert Belmont, 13-year-old Philadelphia schoolboy, tied at the US\$4,000 level. They will return next week to compete for US\$8,000.

Los Angeles truck driver Al Einfrank, champion in the geography category, tied with Peter Ustinov, author and star of the Broadway hit "Romanoff and Juliet," for US\$1,000. They will return next week to try for US\$2,000.—United Press.

Gifts For
Their
"Enemies"

Rome, Jan. 6.
Italian car drivers presented scores of Epiphany presents today to their year-round enemies, the traffic police, in the customary truce to mark the festival.

They piled champagne bottles, Christmas cakes, baskets of fruit, chocolate, sweets and scores of balloons around the traffic police stands in every town and city in Italy.

Millions of Italian children also received presents brought by the "Befana" the ugly but kind-hearted twelfth night witch, who this year has met strong competition from Father Christmas, a custom introduced in recent years from Northern Europe.—China Mail Special.

Paris, Jan. 6.

A new woolen mill capable of producing 1,000,000 metres of cloth annually went into operation in Peking today, Radio Peking reported. The new mill is equipped with 10,000 spindles and 144 looms.—France-Press.

It's A Step In The
Right Direction,
Say UN Sources

Washington, Jan. 6.

The Defence Department withheld official comment, pending further details, on Russia's announced plan to reduce its armed forces by 300,000 men.

Some high-level civilian officials at the Pentagon believed, however, that the Russian announcement was designed to try to soften America's new urgent approach to the missiles and general arms race.

They said Russia may be concerned by the U.S. plan to boost defence spending to 40 billion dollars in the fiscal year starting next July first and to seek supplemental funds of one billion dollars for missiles and submarines in the next few weeks.

Authorities pointed out that Russians who are demobilised from the active forces can be placed in immediately available reserves. Therefore, they said, the cuts are not as impressive as they might appear at first.

The Russians have 22 Army divisions in East Germany. If the 41,000 men they plan to withdraw from East Germany are all ground troops, that apparently would be the equivalent of about four divisions.

Missiles?

Rep. Leslie C. Arends (Republican-Illinois) said Russia should trim its missile programme if it wants to convince the world it really wants peace.

Arends, House Republican Whip and ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, said it was "good" to hear that Russia ordered a 300,000-man cut in her armed forces.

"But that's not the kind of demonstration we need to convince us that they really are sincere about disarmament," Arends told a reporter.

He said if Russia were to announce plans to reduce her missile efforts, "that would make good reading for everybody in the world."

UN Reaction

Meanwhile, Western sources in the United Nations greeted the announcement of cuts in Soviet armed forces as "a step in the right direction."

But they said that the Russians would have to do much more than cut their forces by 300,000 to satisfy the Western Powers' demand for deeds rather than words to create a real climate for peaceful co-existence.

The sources also said that the Soviet action pointed up the need for an inspection system in any disarmament pact.

The new cut still left the Russians with many more forces than "the rest of us."

At the same time, the sources welcomed the announced plan to withdraw 17,000 Russian troops from Hungary as a step towards compliance with the United Nations resolution calling for a removal of all Soviet troops from that country.

Hitherto, the Russians have ignored the General Assembly's

recommendations on Hungary and have refused to discuss them with Prince Wan Wathayakon of Thailand who is charged with the task of seeking compliance from both the Soviet and Hungarian governments.—United Press and China Mail Special.

Clue To The
Mystery
Crash Of
'Whispering
Giant'?

Bristol, Jan. 6.

A camera which may hold the clue to the crash near here last November of a Britannia airliner in which 15 persons died was found in the attic of a suburban house on Saturday.

The camera, which was attached to the turbo-prop airliner's instruments to record statistics, smashed through the roof of a house when the plane itself crashed on the outskirts of Bristol.

The big four-engine airliner was on a training flight. All 15 persons, crewmembers and technicians, were killed.

REWARD

Bristol Airplane Company, makers of the Britannia airliner, had offered a £50 (US\$140) reward for the recovery of the camera in the hope it might give information as to the cause of the crash.

On Saturday, John Glinley, a toolmaker at Bristol, noticed a damp patch on the ceiling of an upstairs room of his home.

He went into the attic and found the camera in a corner. Nearby was a roll of film, partly unwound.

Glinley turned over the camera and film to police who took it to the Bristol Company today for developing and examination.—United Press.

Ike's Secretary
Nabbed

Washington, Jan. 6.
Mrs Ann Whitman, President Eisenhower's personal secretary, was stopped for speeding today when driving at 80 m.p.h. trying to catch up with the President's motorcade travelling from Gettysburg to Washington. The offence could have carried a \$100 fine. "But the cop just gave me a stern lecture," Mrs Whitman said.—China Mail Special.

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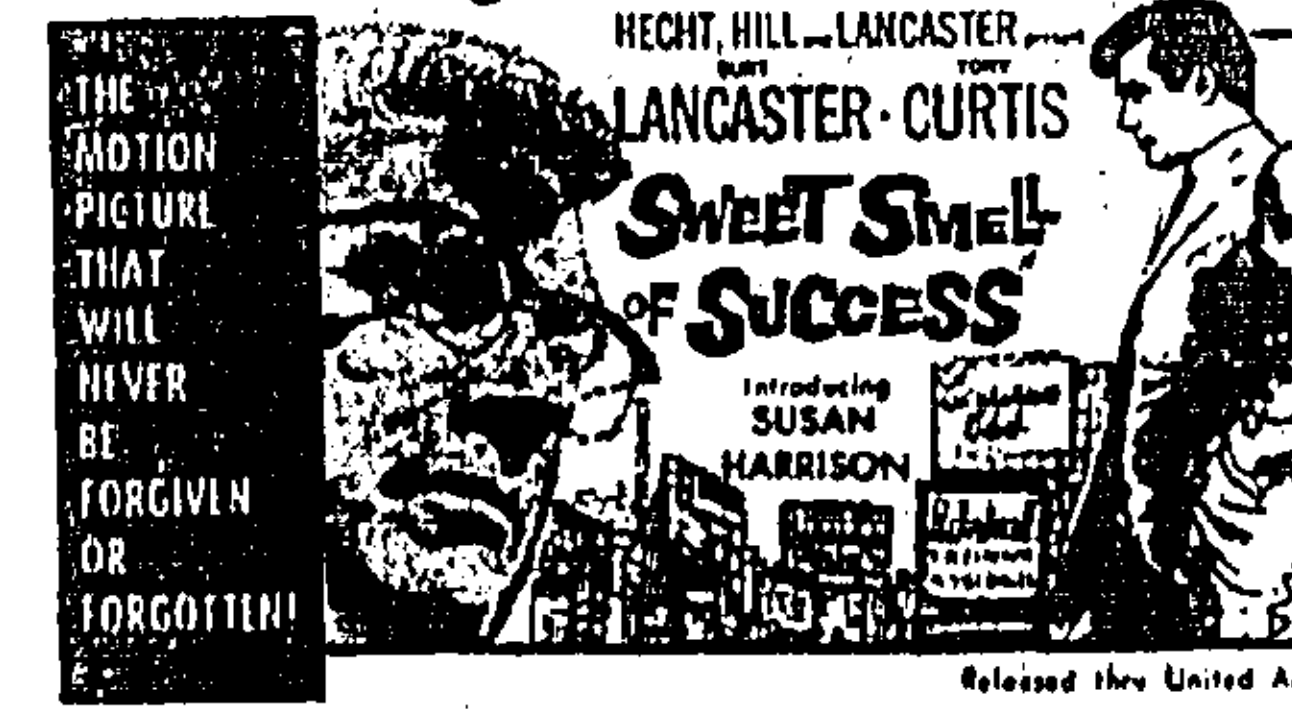
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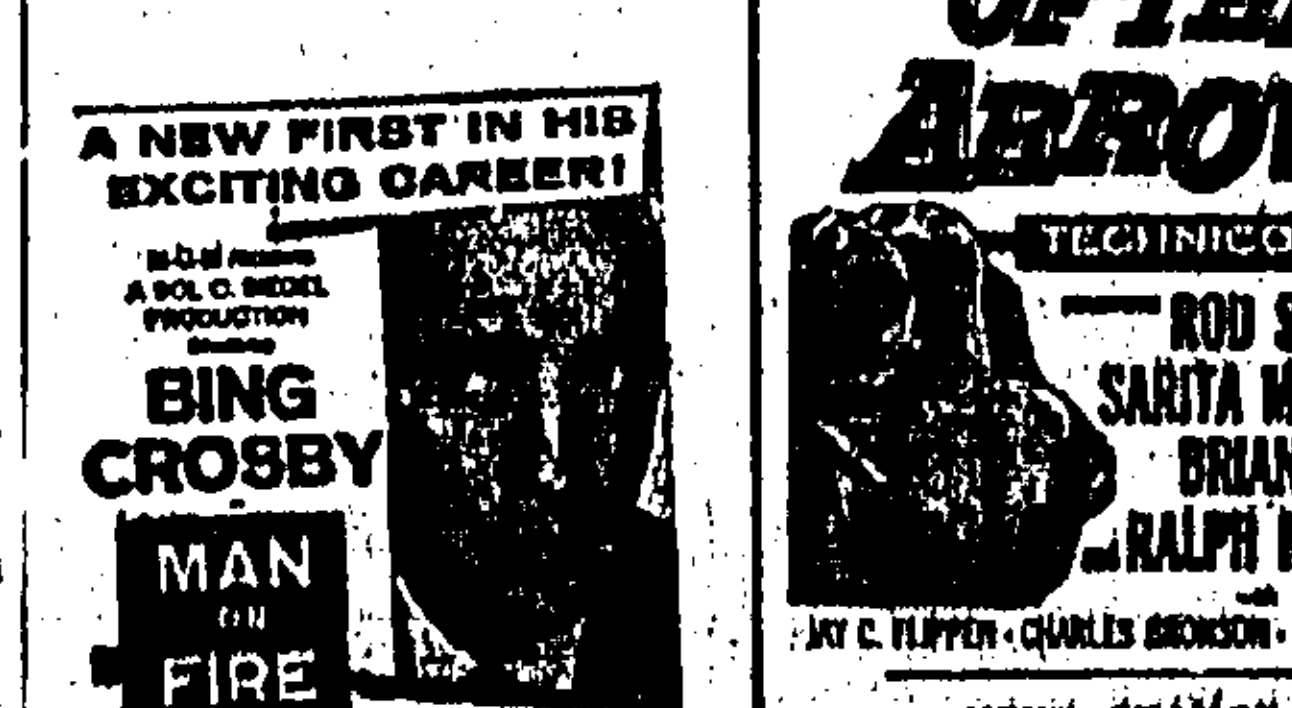


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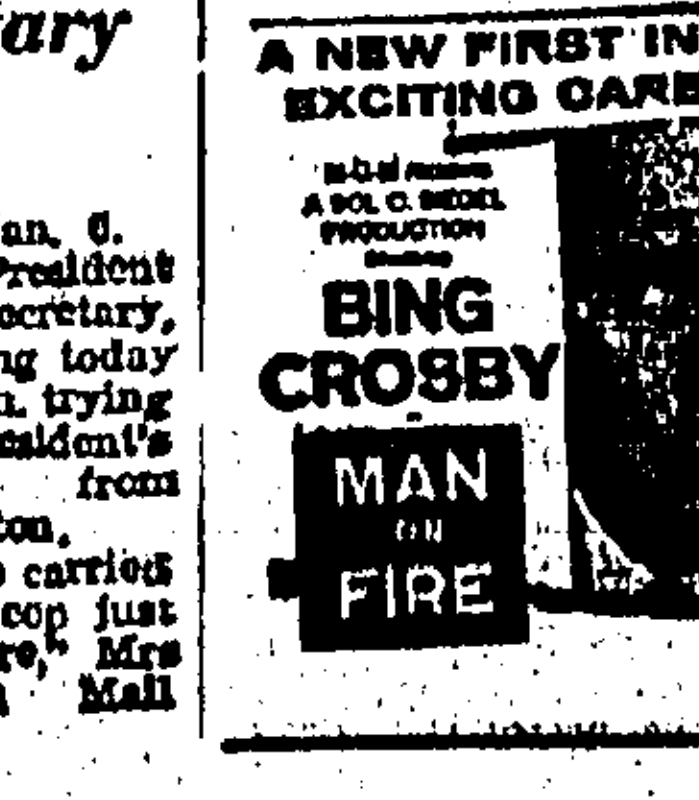
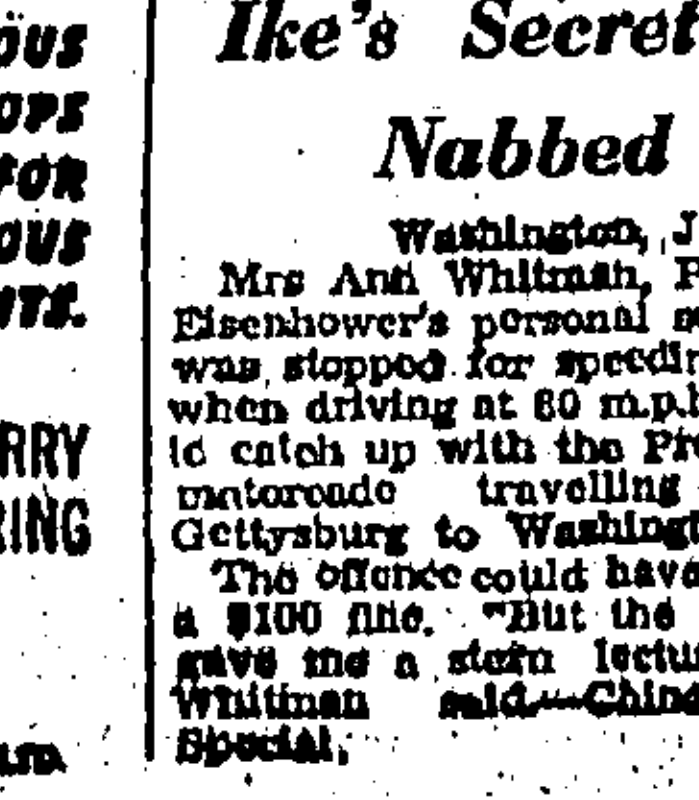
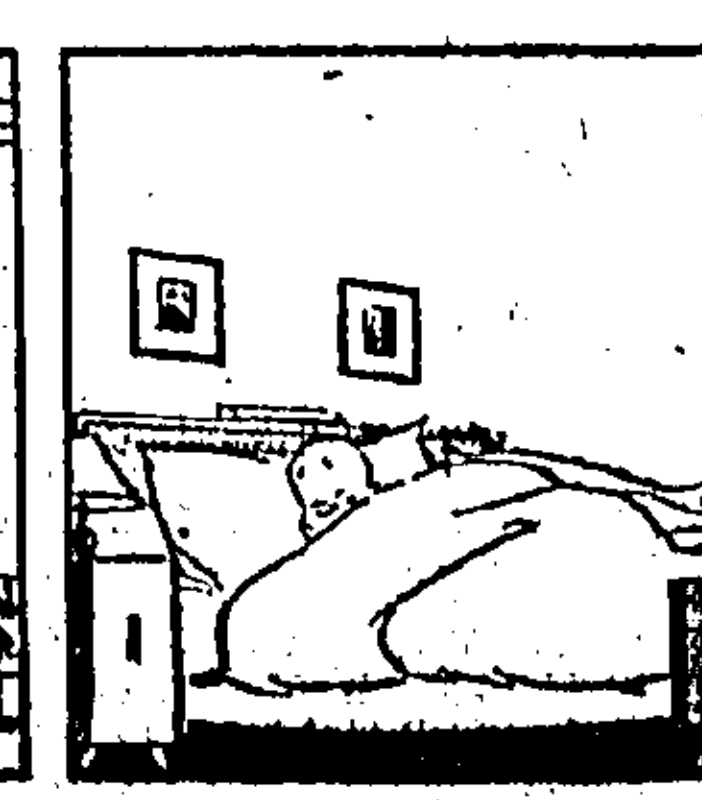
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Russia Would Prefer Early Summit Conference Reds Side-step Britain's Proposal

A POSITIVE STEP. HE SAYS

Moscow, Jan. 6. Vice Foreign Minister Vasily Kuznetsov said tonight the Soviet Union considers British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's proposal for a non-aggression pact "a positive step."

"We have not yet received the exact text of Macmillan's speech," Kuznetsov told reporters, "but judging from the newspaper text, the Soviet government thinks it is a positive step."

"Of course," he added, "all steps of British and American leaders directed toward a non-aggression pact and other steps intended to relax international tensions are welcome."

Kuznetsov's remarks came on the heels of an announcement that it would cut its armed forces by 300,000. It challenged the "Western big three to match 'this act of goodwill.'"—United Press.

Frigate In Action Against Sharks

Johannesburg, Jan. 6. Thousands of people crowded the sea front and rooftops in Margate on the Natal coast this morning when the South African frigate "Vryheid" went into action against local sharks.

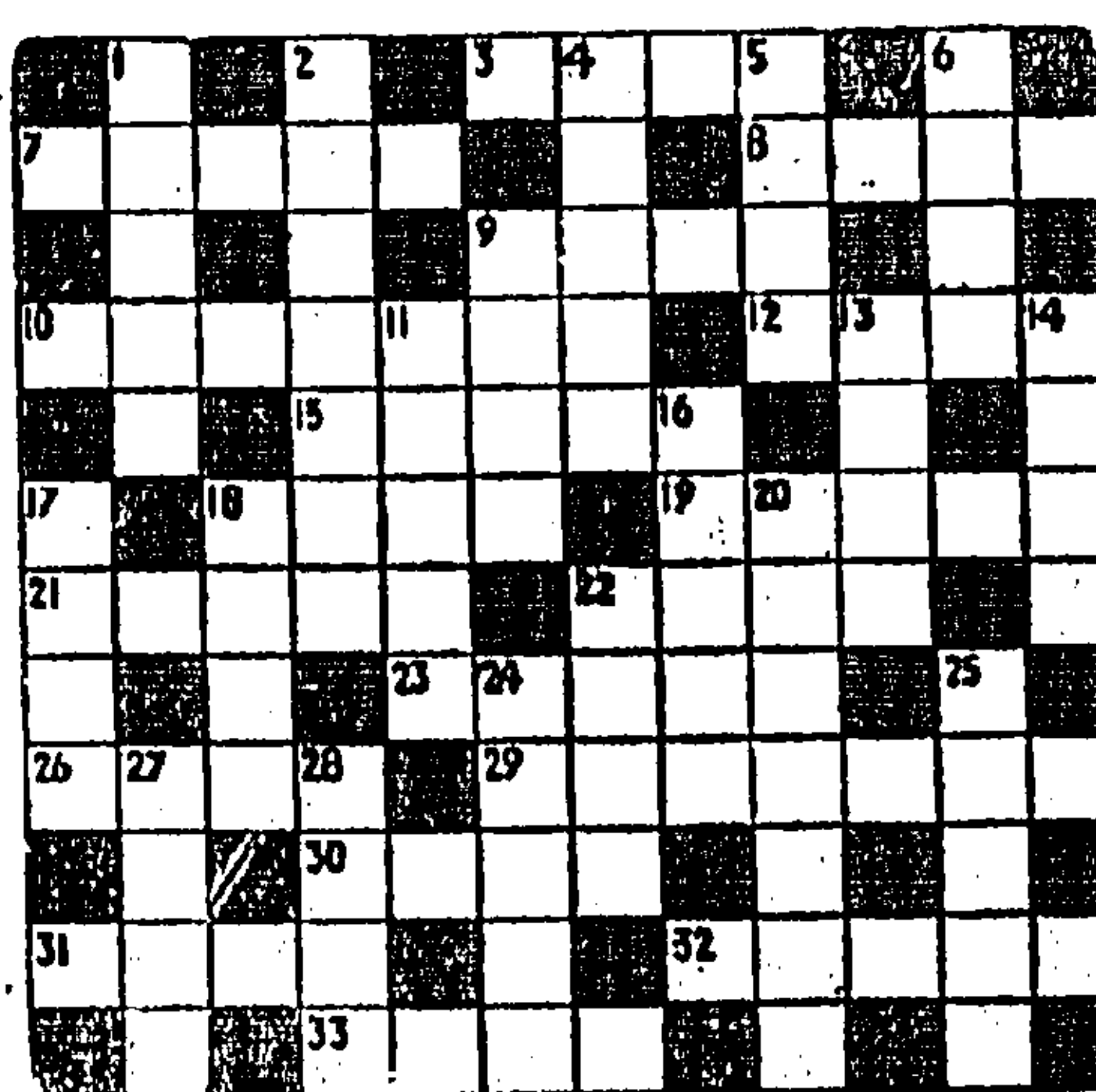
The ship dropped a pattern of five 100-pound depth charges but it was reported ashore by radio-telephone that only one small shark (estimated at two feet in length) and a number of fish were killed.

The bombing started at 800 yards off shore as the ship proceeded northwards.

The "Vryheid" made a second run over the target area two hours later but to victims except more dead fish were reported.

Three more attacks were scheduled for today.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Water colour (4).
 - Baby bird (5).
 - Declare (4).
 - Boxing dogs, but not boxers (4).
 - Asks (7).
 - Hollywood speciality? (4).
 - Take out again (5).
 - Not shown by the impartial (4).
 - Made by one who slips up (5).
 - Rugger men's efforts (5).
 - Took to one's heels (4).
 - Bad things (5).
 - Measure for some flat (4).
 - Said to increase fondness (7).
 - Composer's work (4).
 - Vegetable fuel (4).
 - This is what happens (5).
 - Puts down (4).
- DOWN**
- Make reputation in early afternoon? (5).
 - Tree-less plain (7).
 - Divert, but not turn aside (5).
 - Taken, perhaps, by retiring people (4).
 - Biblical character (4).
 - Enclosures for writers (4).
 - Get one's goat? (5).
 - One was bearded (4).
 - You should find it by the way! (4).
 - He did not, however, while "Deep Waters" (5).
 - The party which men join (4).
 - Little Willy (4).
 - Second team caution? (7).
 - The sayings of Ananias? (4).
 - Jump over a collar (5).
 - Edible stone place (5).
 - Particular (4).
 - Building sites? (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Recall, 7. Dies, 9. Alibi, 10. Abode, 11. Lark, 13. Methuselah, 15. Tonic, 16. Gear, 19. Living-room, 22. Gilt, 24. Menial, 25. August, 26. Gong, 27. Riding, Down: 2. Exile, 3. Adieu, 4. Leader, 5. Idolater, 6. Teas, 8. Idaho, 12. Therm, 13. Mayow, 14. Herbage, 17. Alien, 18. Litter, 20. (Home) Guard, 21. Organ, 23. Amok.

Soviet Sources Voice Their Suspensions

London, Jan. 6. Communist diplomats today ominously sidestepped Britain's proposal for an East-West non-aggression pact and said Russia preferred an early summit conference on "ending the cold war."

The sources voiced instant suspicion of the proposal made by British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on Saturday but watered down by the Foreign Office today.

The diplomats indicated that the Soviets want a summit parley on its pet projects — the cessation of nuclear tests, the banning of the H-bomb and the renunciation of force in the strategic Middle East.

Detailed disarmament negotiations, talks on German reunification and the pacification of the explosive Middle East would come later, but with no Soviet concessions so far discernible.

The informal but authoritative diplomatic reaction let it be clearly understood that Moscow has no desire now to sit down at the conference table with the West's Big Three Foreign Ministers to break the disarmament deadlock.

Top Priority

Moscow obviously gives top priority to a summit conference, and according to the diplomats, would give way to a Foreign Ministers' conference only if it were called to "prepare" an agenda for a top level meeting without negotiating its issues.

The diplomats displayed marked reserve toward Macmillan's idea for an East-West non-aggression pact, which he broached in a weekend broadcast.

The Soviets apparently view it with suspicion and consider it a possible "trick" designed, among other considerations, to win over Asian opinion to the West in the eve of Macmillan's Empire tour.

Official Moscow reaction to Macmillan's latest review of East-West relations has been markedly cautious and mildly critical. It has significantly so far avoided comment on the specific East-West non-aggression proposal.

The Reds say this has been their proposal for some time past; yet they now seem to shy away from it for reasons that are not apparent so far.

Informed diplomatic Communist sources today drew this course of the Soviet approach to a possible East-West talks:

• A summit meeting to be called soon between Russia and the United States, and falling such bilateral talk a meeting between the heads of the Nato and Warsaw Pact nations.

But they would compromise on a big four summit parley at a mutually agreed place.

• The summit should not negotiate detailed agreements but instead get quick agreement on some broad principles which would "appeal to world public opinion" and ease tension at once.

These "principles" appear to include Russia's pet projects, which Soviet propaganda has been peddling for some time and which the West has steadfastly refused so far to accept in isolation from broader agreements.

The sources mentioned specifically the banning of tests of nuclear weapons and a declaration ruling out the use of force in the Middle East. A non-aggression pact did not figure specifically in these immediate objectives.

With these issues out of the way, the Reds claim the way would be cleared for negotiations on a disarmament agreement with some controls—broadly following the Soviet proposals made in the abortive London disarmament talks and rejected by the West.

There was no indication of a change so far in Russia's refusal to ban the production of fissionable material along with the ending of production of nuclear weapons.—United Press.

Brussels: Capital Of Common Mart & Euratom?

Paris, Jan. 6. Belgium urged her Little Europe partners today to name Brussels as a "temporary" capital of the European Common Market and Euratom.

Conference sources said the Belgian chances were "good." Belgian Foreign Minister Victor Larock offered the plan in an effort to break a deadlock over where the capital should be. He made the proposal at a conference of Foreign Ministers of France, West Germany, Italy and Benelux, whose economies and atomic resources have become a community as of last Jan. 1.

Belgium proposed its own capital city when Luxembourg announced at the conference would oppose any other capital but her own. All decisions must be unanimous.

The ministers, who opened a two-day conference here, agreed that there should be a single capital to house all present and future institutions. But they were deadlocked over when and where the capital should be designated.

UK-FRENCH MAYOR

Paris, Jan. 6. Lucien Genet, the only French Mayor of a city in a British territory, today called on Marcel Leveque, unofficial "Mayor" and President of the Municipal Council of Paris.

Genet, whose family originally came from Lyons, is mayor of Free Town, Sierra Leone, in Africa, where he was born.

He enjoys double nationality, the two mayors exchanged gifts during the courtesy call.—France-Press.

Egypt Flexes Her Air Muscles



UNEASINESS IN THE CELEBES: ARMY CHIEF SUMMONED

Djakarta, Jan. 6. Army headquarters said today that Major Somba, commander of the restless North and Central Celebes had been summoned to Djakarta to report on developments in the region.

Major Harrison, the official Army spokesman said the commander was expected to arrive within a few days.

He said Army leadership required a full report on the situation.

News reports reaching Djakarta said that a revolt had broken out against the regime of Lieutenant Colonel Ventje Sumual, deposed military commander of East Indonesia who repudiated the authority of the Central Government last March by establishing the North Celebes Province.

A radio broadcast from Manado also said that North Celebes had severed government administrative connections from Macassar, the capital of the whole Celebes Province and chief centre of South Celebes.

The North Celebes administration was reported to have ordered its government agencies to have no ties with Macassar.

The Central Government at Djakarta officially regards the spice and copra rich Celebes group as a single province with the capital at Macassar.

Manado was agency in a dispatch from Manado reported today an interview with Mr. H.D. Manoppo, the "Governor" of North Celebes.

Mr. Manoppo told the agency Celebes had severed government administrative connections from Macassar, the capital of the whole Celebes Province which has Macassar as the capital.

Mr. Manoppo said the new province would have Manado as capital.

He said from January 1, 1958, North Celebes would have no connection in its administration with the Celebes Province.

Antara agency said it should be noted that Mr. Manoppo had not been officially installed as governor by the Central Government in Djakarta.—Reuter.

FEARS

Some quarters, however, expressed fears that Brussels in fact would become a permanent capital. They suggested this may have been the true motive of the proposed bargain.

In an effort to break the impasse the ministers decided to hold a night session before they resume their negotiations tomorrow.

If the Belgian plan were adopted, the coal-steel authority would remain in Luxembourg. The Belgian delegation claimed that the time was not ripe yet for a final decision on a definite European capital when the Little Europe countries are negotiating with other European nations on the establishment of a vast free trade zone.—United Press.

Wave after wave of Soviet-built MIG fighters and Ilyushin jet bombers swept over Egypt's Mohamed Ali Mosque at the Citadel recently when the Egyptian Air Force put on a display of might during its silver jubilee. Huge crowds thronged the streets of Egypt's main cities during the air show.—Keystone.

Princess Margaret To Visit Australia?

Melbourne, Jan. 7. The Melbourne newspaper Sun News Pictorial said today that observers in Canberra believed that Princess Margaret might visit Australia in 1959 or 1960.

Such a tour by the Princess, who has not been here before, was a likely subject for discussion when Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, came here next month, the newspaper said.

"Officially, there has been no suggestion of a tour by the Princess, but there is an open invitation to Buckingham Palace by Prime Minister Menzies for all members of the Royal Family to visit Australia," the Sun News Pictorial said.

But in London, a Buckingham Palace official today declined to comment on a report that Princess Margaret would tour Australia next year.

The official said she knew nothing about such a proposed visit.

The Princess has already arranged to tour Canada in July.—Reuter.

Blindfolded Tourist

WINS FREE TRIP BUT IS FORBIDDEN TO SEE PARIS

Paris, Jan. 6. A masked man flew into Orly Airport here today on the stage of a round-the-world trip he is forbidden to see.

Mr. John William Guth, 41, father of nine children, would have won the "right to see" flight if he had given correct answers in a television quiz programme in San Francisco last week.

He didn't but got the trip providing he makes it blindfolded.

A photographer is with the "blind" insurance agent from California so that when he gets back to New York he will be able to see everything he missed.

Mr. Guth is allowed to take off his mask only at meal times.

Today, the tall masked figure was led down the aircraft gangway by an attractive air hostess.

In a waiting room the photographer let him smell bottles of Parisian perfume and French brandy and feel the silk dress of a French can-can doll.

Mr. Guth's comment: "A wonderful trip. But if only I could see."—Ottawa Mail Special.

'She Must Hang' Woman Terrorist To Die For Having Shotgun

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 6. The Malayan Court of Appeal ruled today that a woman terrorist must hang for having in her possession a shotgun and eight rounds of ammunition.

Wong Lan, 28, alias Ah Har, had been sentenced to death in the High Court late last year.

Her counsel, Mr. Paul Wong, said in the court of appeal today that Wong had not fired a shot, and did not even know how to handle the gun. He said she had been forced into the jungle under threat of death. There she was given a shotgun and ammunition, and asked to keep them.

"EXCUSE"

Mr. Wong contended this was "lawful excuse" for having the gun.

The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Thompson, said "excuse" was no defence under Malaya's emergency regulations.

Wong Lan was shot and captured in an ambush at Kuala Selangor, Selangor State, on July 6, 1957.

Recently the Scottish executive of the British National Union of Mine Workers sent a letter to Selangor Chinese Chamber of Commerce appealing for Wong Lan's sentence to be commuted.

The Chamber forwarded the letter to the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, who said he would not be able to take any action until after the appeal.—Reuter.

US Housewife Denies Spying On Syria

Wheaton, Ill., Jan. 6. A Wheaton housewife has denied charges she spied on Syria, her husband's homeland, and said she wants her Damascus hotel back.

Mrs. Faud Sandeh, 55, in an interview with the Wheaton Daily Journal last Saturday, said the charges of Syria's new leftist government were "ridiculous" and stemmed from Communist influence.

"I have never been a spy and never will be," she said. "I love Syria."

Mrs. Sandeh also said that in view of the charges she will fight to recover her home in Damascus which the government confiscated.

Previously, she had written a note to Syria's Chief of Police, protesting seizure of the hotel which she opened for misadventures and teachers.

Mrs. Sandeh, born in Denmark to American parents, met her husband while visiting Damascus and they were married in 1933.

In 1939, they came to the United States after the birth of their daughter, Mary Jane.

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A Birthday Party For Alexandra



London, Jan. 6. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were among about 20 guests at a dinner party given by the Duchess of Kent tonight to celebrate the 21st birthday of her daughter, Princess Alexandra.

The party, at Kensington Palace, was followed by a dance attended by 150 guests.

Princess Alexandra, ninth in line to the throne, was 21 on Christmas Day, but the main festivities were postponed until tonight.

She cut a strawberry sponge birthday cake, wreathed in pink roses at the family dinner party.

Princess Margaret, her cousin, was prevented from attending because of a bad chill which confined her to her room at Sandringham, the Queen's Norfolk residence.—Reuter.

UN Is Short Of Officials From Its New Members

New York, Jan. 6. The United Nations is short of officials from Japan, Ghana, and Malaya, its three newest members, it was learned today.

Personnel department sources said that only 11 Japanese are working for the world organization. And there is nobody from either Malaya or Ghana.

They said that the United Nations could take up to a total of 31 Japanese as jobs fell vacant; up to three Ghanaians; and up to four Malaysians.

Post in the organization are filled on a quota basis, with the United States—biggest contributor to the budget—the biggest single source of staff.

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Officials said every applicant received careful consideration, the question being to find the man or woman best qualified for the vacant post, bearing in mind the desire to spread jobs fairly among the member countries.—Reuter.

BANDIT CLASH IN IRAN

Tehran, Jan. 6. Iranian army units clashed with bandits in the southern Iranian province of Fars in an engagement costing the lives of three bandits and one Iranian soldier. It was disclosed today.

The soldier was wounded, and 48 bandits were arrested. The bandits belonged to the Zengani tribe and had carried out a number of armed attacks and kidnappings recently.—France-Press.



Mr K. TALKED ABOUT HOW TO END TENSION, AND SAID:— 'Eden knew the road to be followed to achieve friendly relations'

Now here in full are all the other questions dealt with in the first interview with the Soviet Leader ever given to a British newspaper editor:

QUESTION

YOU have several times spoken as if you thought that the next few years would show an improvement in relations between Britain and the Soviet Union.

Are you disappointed with the progress which has been made?

QUESTION

REPORTS from the Nato meeting in Paris mention the possibility of new negotiations with the Soviet Union. What in your opinion would be the outcome of such talks if they took place in the near future?

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

WE have repeatedly spoken about the necessity of

But the results of such negotiations would only be positive if the Western countries approached the negotiations by recognising the necessity for co-existence between countries, independent of their social structure, and by recognising also the status quo—that is, the existing world situation.

The Western countries must also strive to end the cold war and make the international scene more healthy.

We do know that in the West there are public figures who do not want negotiations.

They declare that it is impossible to reach an understanding with representatives of the Soviet Union and that the Soviets cannot be trusted.

Necessity

But those who say this are strictly speaking those who do not want to reach an understanding with the Soviet Union.

If at such talks Western leaders of this kind try to

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

WHEN we were in Britain, Mr. Bulganin and myself, we had many talks on this question with Sir Anthony Eden, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Mr. Butler, and other British statesmen.

I would like to say, and I hope this will not be considered an interference in your internal affairs, that Sir Anthony Eden—although he suffered a defeat in connection with the French-Israeli aggression against Egypt—seemed to us in our opinion to understand the necessity for developing friendly relations between the Soviet Union and Great Britain.

In my opinion he also knew what road should be followed to achieve this.

Sympathy

During our stay in Britain we talked with British states-

advantageous rouble exchange rate against foreign currency.

Thus we created more favourable conditions for tourists to visit our country more cheaply.

If other measures are necessary then we shall look into the matter, because we want more tourists.

We don't want to make money from it either. It would be wrong to do that, but no Government would agree to run a tourist trade at a loss.

In short, we shall continue to develop tourism.

QUESTION

I UNDERSTAND a number of Soviet citizens are anxious to join close relatives in Britain and the Commonwealth. Is there a possibility of their making these journeys?

The armaments race can only lead to the exhaustion of a country's economy and even to military conflict, which could prove fatal.

QUESTION

WHAT do you think of the prospects for peace now? In five years' time? Are you an optimist or a pessimist?

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

I HAVE never thought of myself as a pessimist and I don't consider myself one now. Pessimism stems from decadence and leads to decadence.

Here in the Soviet Union everything is in a state of upsurge—our politics, our culture, and our economy.

Before our very eyes what were fairy tales and dreams are coming true. The Sputnik is circling the earth.

How could I be a pessimist now? Why should I be?

The successes of the Soviet Union are the work of our Soviet people. There is also my small contribution as a Communist and a politician.

Sabre-rattlers

I have always been an optimist. Today I am more optimistic than ever. We believe that reason and good sense will

THE FAREWELL WORD WE AWAIT PREMIER

MR. KRUSHCHEV, in saying goodbye after his interview, said: "We await your Prime Minister in the Soviet Union."

"We were guests of the British Government last year. The British were very hospitable. In the end, as you say, you pay your debts and I think that we should not be less hospitable if your Prime Minister came to us."

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

I DO not understand this question.

As far as I know, the people of whom you speak have long ago received permission to go and join their families.

If there really are individual Soviet citizens who have relatives in Britain and the Commonwealth, their requests will naturally be considered according to the existing regulations.

QUESTION

ARE you in favour of a strong Britain in possession of the most modern weapons for her own defence?

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

EVERY country has the right to take care of its security and its defence. A highly developed country like Britain has that right—like every other country.

But now the greatness of a country is determined not so much by the strength or quantity of its armament as by the general development of its economy, culture, and science.

Peaceful economic competition would be much more useful—and safer.

The more one country piles up armaments, the more the other countries strive not to remain behind in the arms race.

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

I THINK that the British Government has placed artificial administrative barriers on the number of tourists wishing to visit the Soviet Union. If these limitations could be ended I expect there would be more tourists here.

This year we took steps to facilitate foreign tourism. We revised the service charges for tourists, and introduced a more

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

IF there are any likelihood of travel in the Soviet Union being made less expensive for British tourists? I ask this because I understand you are not very satisfied about the number of foreign tourists visiting Russia this year.

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

THE status quo is accepted, and the acceptance of the status quo in Germany means taking into account the existing situation where there are two Germanys (the German Democratic Republic, a State developing on Socialist lines, and the German Federal Republic, a capitalist State) then one could establish conditions in which the German problem could be solved.

The Germans themselves should negotiate about the peaceful reunification of Germany.

As at present, they cannot yet agree on unification because the two Germanys have different State systems.

First step

But as a first step they could establish, as suggested by the East German Democratic Republic, a confederation and form some all-German State organisations.

Then the Germans themselves would take care of further deepening and strengthening of relations between East and West Germany.

These are some of the problems that the Western Powers try to put forward as demands from "positions of strength" demands which are completely unacceptable. As for other problems, it seems to me that it should be possible to tackle them in a spirit of common interest, renouncing policies of ultimatum and diktat.

QUESTION

THERE have been recent signs of willingness in Britain to contemplate a situation in Europe where all Germany is neutralised and denied atomic weapons.

Do you think this would be a hopeful line for our two countries to explore?

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

WE consider that the realisation of such wishes would be useful for the people of Europe. The Soviet Union would gladly take part in a positive solution of this problem.

QUESTION

WHAT single action by the British Government would in your view most contribute towards a better feeling between our two nations?

Siple of the South Pole says you might find it pretty crowded!

WHEN Captain Robert Falcon Scott, explorer, gazed across the brooding waste of the South Pole on January 18, 1912, he scribbled in his diary: "Great God! This is an awful place."

Today the loneliness that appalled and, indeed, killed Scott is gone.

There has been the inevitable remark that there are now more men there than penguins. Bravely, armoured ice-breakers chew through ice floes to the polar shelf with tons of supplies.

Red-trimmed silver airliners take ice cream, mail, fuel, oil, and food. In a few hours these are delivered to a modern village called Amundsen-Scott, straddling the Earth's southern axis.

Dr. Paul Siple, 48-year-old U.S. scientist, a huge man with a grin to match his back in Washington from the South Pole village.

Says he: "In his wildest dreams poor Scott could never have imagined the life we lead at the Pole now and the comforts we enjoy."

As the Antarctic summer blunts the biting edge of the minus-120-degree winter cold, the South Pole is busier than ever.

Just about everybody is going, or wants to go. The only limitation is transportation space.

The Americans expect to beat last summer's record of 71 flights to the Pole. Then they took in 750 tons of food and equipment. More has gone in since.

For eight months ripping winds made flying too risky. Dr. Siple and 18 other volunteers curled up in their heated village with, says Dr. Siple, "high-fidelity recordings of Beethoven, bagpipes, and rock 'n' roll. There was plenty of T-bone steaks and beer and ice-cream. We had canned turkey and hot showers."

This summer's first flight took in heating oil—and 1,000lb of mail. Young Navy technician Earl Johnson whistled as he looked at the postmark on a letter from his girl in Miami, Florida. Seven days to the South Pole!

And now Congressmen are beating a track to the Pole.

So accessible has it become that they hope put it on their list of globe-trotting junkies. And in the first Polar rush of V.I.P.s have gone the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand, Francis H. Russell, and New Zealand's Minister of Labour, J. K. McAlpine.

So many

ANTARCTICA is filling up. The flags of a dozen nations now fly above 59 bases scattered across the snows.

More than 200 scientists are at work—measuring, sounding, probing. Men return wearily from the trail-to chicken suppers and film shows.

The "white wilderness" has been broken up for ever by the black-roofed huts and tow-ships. And the "mush, mush" to the huskies is playing a poor second to the roar of tractors. Ski-lifted mail planes are doing their rounds. Helicopters no longer startle the stormy petrels.

Across the other side of the continent, at Halley Bay, 21 Britons are about to receive the latest batch of bundles from Britain, aboard the supply vessel Tottan.

Geologists Dr. Vivian Fuchs, are still pressing ahead on their 2,000-mile trek.

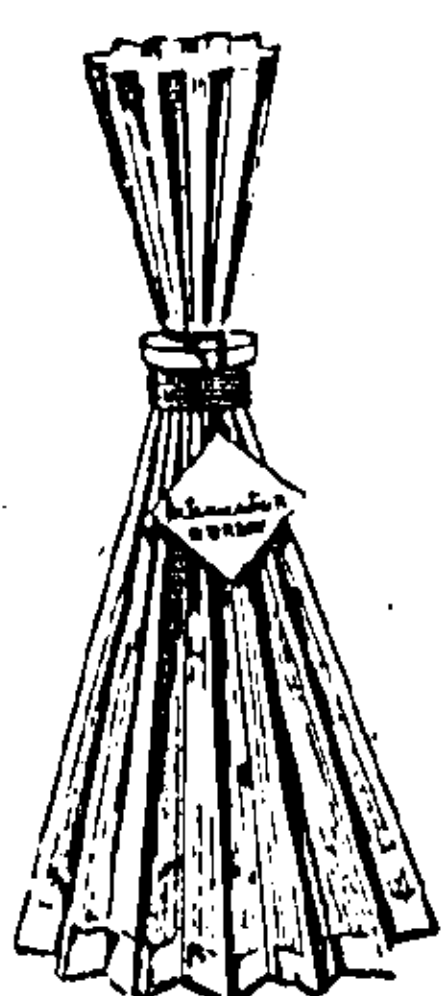
To stay?

AND the Russians? Far to the west they are making the oddily-named "Pole of Inaccessibility" as accessible as Piccadilly by Underground. At their main base, Mirny, they are reported to be building like men who intend to stay for a long time.

The Japs are up on Prince Olaf Coast; the French directly below them on Commonwealth Bay; the Norwegians along the Princess Martha Coast; and the Argentines and Chileans are gathered in Graham Land.

And that still leaves the Britons with the Belgians, the South Africans and a few others—all drawn in the headlong rush to the deep, deep South like the old gold prospectors to the Yukon.

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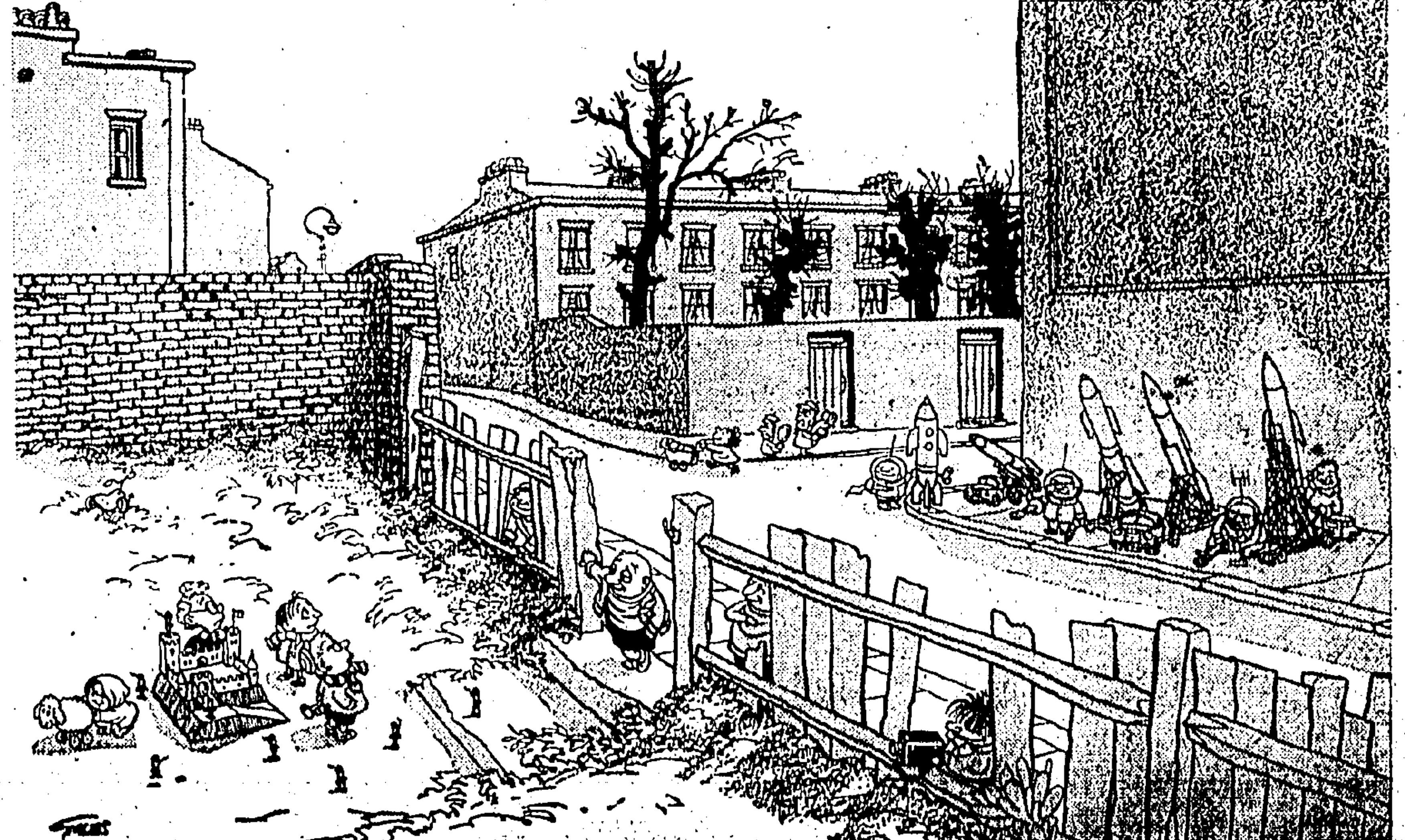
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YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

BORN today, you have exceptional personal magnetism which draws people to you without your even trying. You have dramatic talent, but whether you utilize it professionally will depend on a great deal upon the opportunities which are presented. You would do equally well in preaching, teaching or public lecturing and you might find that you enjoy working directly with people more than from a stage, set apart from them behind footlights. You are highly adaptable, socially, and will make a splendid host or hostess.

Your self-confidence is strong and you do your best work as a leader. You do not function but well working under the direction of others. You are much too independent to take from any boss. Consequently, it would be best for you to find a career or profession in which you would be your own boss. You may have to accept the fact that there is no certain degree of co-operative effort.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Combine personal and business affairs advantageously to get the most for your efforts. A successful day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—There are plenty of opportunities for advancement. Be sure to take advantage of them.

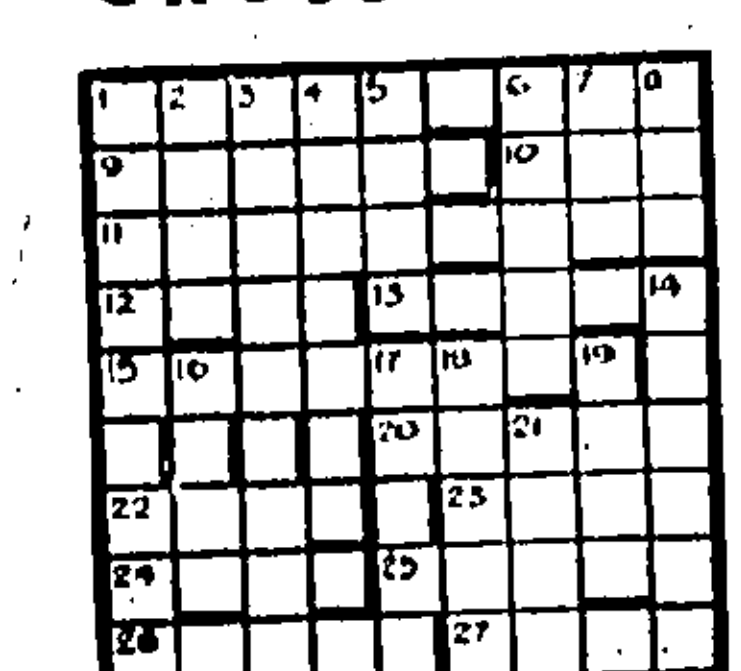
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Traveling men, especially, are well-favored today. Prospects at a distance hold great promise. Make a profit.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Industrial interests show a new idea to its fullest extent. Take a calculated risk.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Property matters, especially as they may pertain to children, can be profitably handled at this time.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Real estate dealings, particularly if they are in partnership with an elderly person, can be resolved satisfactorily now.

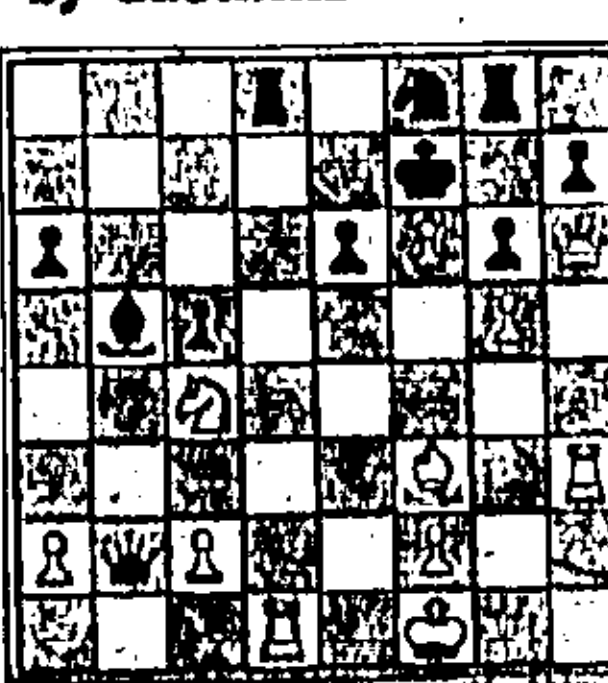
CROSSWORD



- Across
1. This lets you down.
 2. Husband of Night.
 3. Spid.
 4. Officer of election.
 5. Dutch river.
 6. Mr. Oates.
 7. Joined to.
 8. Alternative of 27 Across.
 9. Boutin hill.
 10. Spoken or written.
 11. Former.
 12. Place machine.
 13. Jugs.
 14. Alternative of 20 Across.
- Down
1. Repel beam (anag.).
 2. Land.
 3. Flight back.
 4. Insulating.
 5. Short sentence.
 6. Link.
 7. Suburban.
 8. Beginning of this week.
 9. R o a n e.
 10. E u r o p e a n.
 11. Drier.
 12. Rugs.
 13. Old.
 14. 30 Across.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Heart Shift Would Set

By OSWALD JACOBY

"EVERYTHING happens to me," moaned Hard Luck Joe. "Now it's nine-card suits."

"So what?" grumbled his unfortunate partner. "If you had enough sense to shift to a heart at trick three South would have been set, nine-card suit and all."

Joe had opened the king of spades and after receiving the deuce from his partner had cashed his ace of diamonds and then played the ace of spades.

South had simply ruffed and run the rest of his clubs, discarding down to the ace and queen of hearts in dummy. The

NORTH		19
♠ J 9	♥ 10 8 7 4	♦ 10 8 7 4 3
♣ None		
WEST (D)		EAST
♠ A K Q 7 6 5 3	♥ 10 8 7	♦ 10 8 7 4 3
♣ A 3 2	♥ K J 9 7	♦ K 9 5 2
♠ 8 4	♥ 5 3	♦ 5 3
SOUTH		
♠ 4	♥ 5	♦ A K Q J 10 9 7 6 2
♣ A K Q J 10 9 7 6 2		
Both vulnerable		
West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Double
3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ K		

last club lead had squeezed East. He had to unguard his king of hearts in order to retain the king of diamonds whereupon South led gone up with this ace of hearts and dropped East's king.

A heart shift by Joe at trick three would have broken up the squeeze and South would have gone down one trick. Or even better, South might have taken a desperate heart finesse in which case he would have been set two tricks, not one.

Joe had a reason for playing the second spade. He suggested that East's chance of spades might have been a singleton. East claimed that this was most unlikely since South had risked a vulnerable five-club bid with only one ace. Of course, East could not have a doubleton spade. In that case he would have played his higher card in that suit.

As usual, I must agree with Joe's partner. East had doubled Joe's bid. Either he held a sure trump trick or the king of hearts or both. A heart shift was imperative and when Joe played the ace of spades he had produced his own bad luck.

CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass		

You, South, hold:

♠ A K J 6 5 4 3 2 ♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ A K J 6 5 4 3 2 ♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

What do you do?

A—Bid six hearts. Do not bother about the ace of clubs since you are not at all interested in a grand slam bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold the same hand. The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass		

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I HAVE just read that children who suck their thumbs do not necessarily develop receding chins. This refutes Wordsworth's well-known lines:

Beware the child who sucks his thumb.

As punishment for greed, His little chin, in time to come, Will visibly recede.

Aromatization

BIG firms are suggesting that they will not be contented with a small turned on for their advertisements and then switched off again. They want the smells to continue all through Aromatization programmes. But it is argued that if a play or a talk or a lump of decayed musical material is accompanied by the smell associated with the boosting of a toothpaste or a drug, the attention of the audience will be distracted, and they will still be thinking of the article previously advertised. That reply the advertisers, is exactly what they want.

Cocklecarrot's exegesis

MR GOODSEBOOTE having urged communis placita, Cocklecarrot said, "If this were the Court of Common Ploes, the constitution of such a joint stock company as Tinchburn

WOMANSENSE

Miss Goulden cleans up the bed-time stories

—TAKING THE HORROR OUT OF HANS ANDERSEN BRINGS

HER INTO THE MINK COAT AND PENTHOUSE INCOME GROUP

by JOCASTA INNES

"I JUST think of myself as a labour-saving device for mothers," said chestnut-haired Shirley Goulden, pouring out coffee in her lush penthouse high above Eaton Square.

"Like a dish-washer," she added, making sure I got the point.

Miss Goulden, 27, sophisticated and pretty as a Dresden figurine, makes her living rewriting—I prefer to call it re-presenting—the children's classics.

Bumper sales

"I completely re-tell the stories in my own words—cutting out all the morbid bits," she says. "It saves mothers having to skip unsuitable passages when they are reading aloud."

If bumper sales are anything to go by, mothers must be finding these bowdlerised bed-time stories almost as handy to have around as dish-washers.

This year the Goulden versions of Pinocchio, Tales from the Arabian Nights (20 courses they were really written as sex stories for adults) and Stories from Hans Andersen have sold close on a million copies. Including two to the queen as Christmas gifts for Charles and Anne.

"My publishers tell me that they are the most successful children's books of the year," says Miss Goulden, opening her eyes wide in a reasonable limitation of surprise.

She is a little shy about disclosing her own share in the profits. "I'd be happy if I earned a quarter as much as Enid Blyton," she said thoughtfully.

Miss Blyton grosses an estimated £30,000 a year. But I should say that Miss Goulden, to judge by her penthouse, mink coat and knock-out wardrobe, isn't doing too badly herself.

She has also—like Miss Blyton—been writing for a long time. Her first book, was published when she was still in girlhood—a mere 14-year-old. Opposition from her father, publisher Mark Goulden, was fierce.

Red halo

"Daddy disapproves of women writers. He thinks they all have bank hair and dirty toe-nails," she says.

Which just shows, I thought, glancing at her crisply-waved red hair, how wrong Daddies can be.

The book—about a canine hero called Flak—sold 50,000 copies. "After that Daddy had to eat his words," says Miss Goulden.

He must be choking on them now. For his daughter, not content with scooping the cream off the child market, is now embarking on a really long, if not lank—haired work. A full-length novel for adults.

"It's so much easier than writing for children," she says. "I said I should be interested to read it."

"Oh, I don't know whether it will be published," she said. "I never read adult novels so I really can't tell if mine is good, bad or indifferent."

Ego and Id

When she wants to chew on something weightier than fairy-tales—her favourite reading—Miss Goulden takes up a book on psychology. It seems that successful children's writers collect works on the Ego and Id the way other people collect stamps or butterflies. "Psychology is the doorway into a child's little mind," Miss Goulden explained.

It seems that 50 years ago British nurseries were peopled with ghoul-like little monsters who could read of the ghastly fate of Andersen's Titi Soldier (illegitimate in the nursery fire) with relish. But today's little lads and lasses are more sensitive.

Herbert Lom's son, was so terrified by the story that he had hysterics for a week," says Miss Goulden. "So when I re-wrote the Titi Soldier I naturally gave it a happy ending. I don't see why young children should be exposed to traumatic experiences. Why bring the difficulties of life into childhood in the nursery fire?"

Creation in the nursery fire doesn't strike me as one of the major risks of adult life, but I let that pass. Instead I asked Miss Goulden if there had been any notable difficulties in her



SHIRLEY GOULDEN

"I'm just a labour-saving device."

own outwardly smooth-running and enviable existence.

"Well, I married too young," she said. Her marriage at 22 to a New York businessman lasted just over a year.

Actor fiance

Once bitten—but not twice shy. She has just married British stage and screen actor John van Eyssen.

"It's funny," she said. "I always cherished a secret ambition to go on the stage. And here I am going one better

and marrying an actor. All the glamour and none of the sweat and tears.

"I shall keep on writing, of course, but I hope to have lots of children in between."

It all sounds as jolly as one of Miss Goulden's own fairy-tales—except that with a handsome husband, well-integrated children (how can they fail to be?) and a cosy bank balance, it won't be necessary to call in a fairy godmother to make sure every-one lives happily ever after.

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Seasonal Hairdo Trend Gives Everybody Bangs

By JEANNE D'ARCY

TODAY let's consider the case of the disappearing forehead. It's just about vanished. New colures cover it up in a feminine, frivolous, fun sort of way.

There are bangs for everyone.

Sid Bang

The girl with the full face can't wear a fringe all the way across her forehead, so stylists suggest for her a side bang, one that waves softly over her face at left or at right.

A woman with a high forehead is really blessed by this new colure trend. She can wear long, full bangs, the kind that come down almost to eyebrows.

Fluffs of Hair

On the delicate side, and very feminine, are wispy bangs—little fluffs of hair that fringe the forehead in an aimless sort of way. They're appealing.

Some bangs are long and flat, looking rather as though they were inspired by ladies in the cast of the Mikado. A sleek-

backed hairdo usually goes with them. The bangs keep the style from being too severe. The final effect is one of sophistication.

Back Interest

For evenings, bangs go with hairdos that have back interest, colures that sweep up and back to a cluster of curls or fasten in a handsome roll down the back and centre of midday's head.

The new style is most becoming and bound to be successful. This is the season of the "little bang." Bangs give it big importance.

Jumper Line



GREY wool, lined to keep its shape, is used for a useful, youthful jumper-chemise. It is buttoned from top to hem with self-covered buttons. The hand-drawn neckline ties in a casual manner. Shown with it is a striped knit sweater-blouse in tones of red, grey and black, but this is a jumper that would take kindly to almost any type of blouse.

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It's Not An Easy Job!

—O'Scowl Tells the Postman Face—

By MAX TRELL

"I gets harder and harder," the voice said. "I'm sick and tired of this job! Why does everybody else get such easy things to do?"

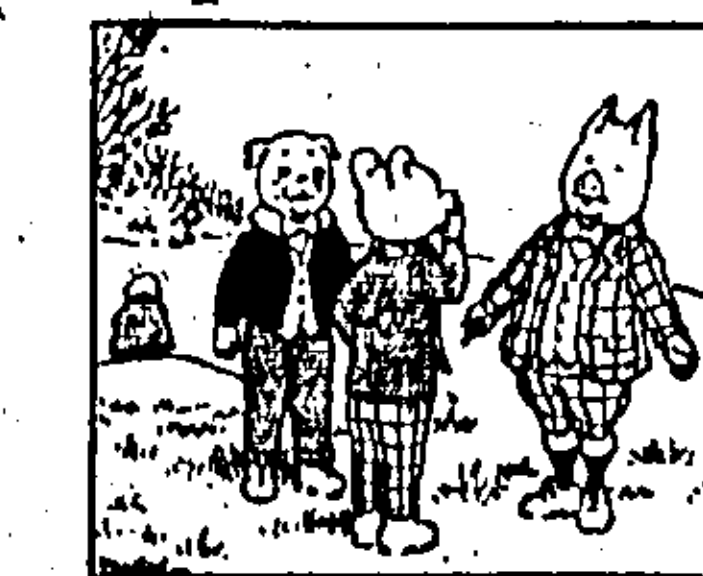
Knarf and Handl, the Shadow-Children with the turned-about names, who had just come to the edge of the Pinetree Grove, stopped and listened.

The Voice Complained

"I tell you, I'm sick of it," the voice said again. "And don't you two goofs keep standing there not doing anything! Get out of my way!"

Knarf and Handl looked down. Sure enough, it was Pixie O'Scowl. He was in worse luck than usual. "O'Scowl was no bigger than a cricket. He was wearing what seemed to be a postman's uniform. At any rate, he had a cap with the words 'Pilliated Airmail' lettered on it.

Rupert and the Thinking Cap—18



At length Algy and Podgy got up. "It's no use," said Podgy. "I'm no use at thinking for other people. It's as much as I can do to think for myself!" And Algy said, "We'd better go on our way."

"Oh dear," sighed Rupert. "It does seem a shame that Gregory should be the only one of us not to have a present. He can share mine if he likes, but that's not quite the same thing. Anyway, I'll see him home now." He takes the little guinea pig's hand while Algy and Podgy go the other way.

"All right," said Pixie O'Scowl, in a sudden voice, on seeing that it was impossible to get away. "I'll tell you what I'm so sore about. I've been given this job as Pilliated Letter Carrier. I've got a whole bag of letters to deliver."

"That shouldn't be so hard, dear," said Handl. "All mailmen deliver letters. If they all complain, how would any of us get any letters?"

"The Robins are living in a Elm Tree somewhere in the middle of South America. Squire Squirrel is living in a hole at the top of the Maple Tree, which means I have to climb up there."

"Glive, the Snail, is wandering around somewhere, taking his whole house and his letter box with him. How can you deliver a letter when the house and the letter box keep moving around?"

Mail For The Pond

"Sunfish lives at the bottom of the pond, which means I have to jump in the cold water to deliver his letter," Pixie O'Scowl went on, growing angrier by the minute. "Blinkie Mole lives under the ground. I have to



O'Scowl stood on Handl's hand and complained.

crawl through a tunnel made of dirt six yards long to give him his letter.

"I suppose you'd like this job?"

Knarf and Handl didn't answer. Handl let Pixie O'Scowl go on his way. They watched him disappearing among the fields.

"He's probably on his way to South America," Knarf said. "Or else he's going to jump in the pond," said Handl. They both really felt sorry for the poor Pilliated Postman.

IT'S ALL GRAB AND NO GIVE IN BRITISH BOXING

DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN

Hidegkuti Plans 'Come-back' To Learn Soccer

Nandor Hidegkuti let it be known he would like a job as a football coach. If you do not readily recall the name Hidegkuti consider yourself homeless. England Soccer chiefs have been trying to forget his name for years—to be precise, four years.

Nandor Hidegkuti was the Hungarian who scored a painfully recalled hat-trick when on November 26, 1953, at Wembley Stadium, Hungary beat England 6-3 and became the first-ever Continental side to win a football match in England.

Now Hidegkuti, aged 35 and captain of Hungary, would like to learn the soccer trade, the coach trade, of course. I do not wish to be unkind in this anticipated season of good will, but I am compelled to pose the question: 'What would he learn here?'

Whipped

But I find that handsome Mr Hidegkuti would like to go to soccer school right here in England.

A Possible Pro Career For Mervyn Rose?

Sydney, Jan. 6. Professional tennis promoter Jack Kramer said today that he would wait until after the Wimbledon Championships this year before closing a deal to take Mervyn Rose out of the amateur ranks.

Kramer and Rose discussed a possible pro career for the Aussie left-hander but agreed to wait until after the Wimbledon meeting next July. Kramer said, "If Rose wins at Wimbledon and my terms are satisfactory, I may possibly start up a second troupe which will spend a lot of time in Europe."

Kramer, who left today for Adelaide with his troupe, denied that he would drop Ken Rosewall. He said he would exercise the option in February guaranteeing Rosewall US\$25,000, but that he would put Rosewall into the second-class tour circuit where earnings from gate receipts would be far below Rosewall's earnings last year. Kramer said he has offered Rosewall a flat US\$500 per match, similar to the rate paid to pro stars Pancho Segura, Tony Trabert and Frank Sedgman.

Kramer said, "I have Lew Hoad and Pancho Gonzales as my top draw-cards. I can't throw money around. I think my offer to Rosewall is pretty fair under the circumstances."—United Press.

West Australian Tennis Tourney Results

Perth, Jan. 6. Neale Fraser of Australia, Barry MacKay of Dayton, Ohio, and Ron Holmberg of Brooklyn, New York, gained the Men's Singles quarter-finals today in the West Australian Tennis Championships.

MacKay beat John Blacklock of Australia, 6-4, 5-7, 6-5, 6-2. Fraser beat Geoff Strang of Perth, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1. Mal Anderson, the Aussie who holds the US Singles crown, gained the second round with a 6-1, 6-0, 6-0, victory over Rudy Dorsogna of Perth.

Angela Mortimer of England entered the Women's quarter-finals by defeating Brenda Savers of Perth, 6-0, 6-0.—United Press.

The Hungarians, despite the way they have whipped us 6-3 here and 7-1 in Budapest before my pained eyes, persist in a childish faith that England is still the home of the Masters of Football.

Anyhow, it was not an Englishman, but a Scot, Jimmy Hogan, started that football fiction about the old masters. It was Hogan, still affectionately remembered as "Uncle Jimmy" who taught the Hungarians the sweet science of soccer.

I feel that Hidegkuti would be shocked as an old maid caught out under the mistletoe, though if he came to check up on our soccer drill.

In Hungary the trainer is the boss. He disciplines his players with the ruthless whip-in-hand command of these things: "Chaps, make lions jump through hoops."

None of your England-style toiling up in cars checking up race form, a few physical jerks, the inevitable lapping session, and home change and don't spare the horse power.

And in the Hungarian soccer scheme of things night life is out—but strictly out.

Try to take up your English chaps in their beds at 10 o'clock before a match, let alone afterwards, and see how far you will get.

You couldn't open the office door for transfer demands.

Big Welcome

Hidegkuti would most certainly be assured of a flattering welcome to England. I feel there would be queues requesting his attendance at the various football academies in these sporting isles.

Maybe Hidegkuti would not learn very much. But I feel football sure that we would. Hidegkuti hopes to be in England early next season. He says that he does not think he will play in the World Cup finals in Stockholm in June.

To the aging artists of England may I pass on his own words: "There is plenty of young talent and we should have a good team for the deciding stages of the World Cup. If there is any need for the experience of older footballers and they wish to take me I will be very pleased."

I look forward to meeting Hidegkuti again—of course, under much less painful circumstances than the Wake of Wembley and the Black Day of Budapest.

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Two French football teams have been playing each other for six hours in the 32nd final of the French Football Cup without scoring a goal.

Nantes, the Second Division professional team and Cien, the amateur team met again yesterday for the fourth time to decide who would qualify but bad weather stopped the match after 20 minutes of play.

They will meet again for the fifth time on January 12. Britain holds the football marathon record. Leyton and Ilford took nine hours 40 minutes to decide who was the winner.—France-Press.

NOT A WORLD TITLE HOPE IN CUPBOARD

By GEORGE WHITING

You play games? Here is an old one got up to look as good as new. All you have to do is to name ONE British professional boxer likely to win a World Championship during 1958, and be reminded that we have won nothing at all in 1957, which puts us exactly level with 1956, 1955, 1954, 1953 and 1952.

A year ago, this doleful department forecast that the current year would see British boxing beset by petrol rationing, entertainment tax, cushy jobs, boxers who could count only up to 10 and managers who could count only up to 25 per cent, was about to face its leanest season of all time.

A lot of people wrote and told me I was an unpatriotic pessimist, and they were half right. At least we got rid of the petrol squeeze and the entertainment tax.

And 1958? Gambolling round the graveyard, we will mix the metaphor, read with the chin, and suggest that prospects are still pretty grim for a sport in which there is too much Grab and too little Give.

TRAPPINGS OF WOE

On the amateur side we have too many armchair authorities grabbing fat TV fees for moderate exertion, and too many boxers listening to the blarney of professional con-men, hither merchants before they know the difference between a left-hook and a half-Nelson.

Of the current, non-commercial crop, lightweight Dick McGeer has shown signs of wobbling against the Olympic Gold-medal perch, leaving only Dave Stone, Battersea's lightweight, and Dave Thomas, Polytechnic's heavyweight, as exponents who might conceivably measure up to international standards. Does anybody want to bet that they will both still be amateurs this year?

As to our contemporary professionals, let us now don the trappings of woe and seek some semblance of order and preference among the thinning ranks of our hard-hit pug. And I do mean hard hit.

With no hesitation whatsoever, with apologies to those who feel affronted, I offer the following 1958 ranking lists of boxers eligible for native British titles:

HEAVYWEIGHT

1. JOE ERSKINE (champion)
2. Dick Richardson
3. Henry Cooper
4. Brian London
5. Peter Bates
6. Marnie Burge

This brief trust might have looked less like a list and more like a list of names. For what Nino Valdes did to Erskine, what Willie Frazer did to Richardson, what Bob Baker did to Richardson, what Joe Byrnes did to Ingemar Johansson, and what Heinz Neuhaus did to London.

On the credit side, Erskine looked handsome against Byrnes; both Cooper and Richardson put in a credit performance against Neuhaus. London topped off a profitable five-win sequence by outsmarting America's Howie Turner.

Points for pundits: I know that Burge has had an unbeaten season, that Bates went the distance with Erskine before his waistline began to spread and that London (No. 4) dealt quite quietly with Richardson (No. 2) in the days when they were fighting for military medals and weekend passes.

CRUISERWEIGHT

1. RANDOLPH TURPIN (champion)
2. Arthur Howard
3. Willie Armstrong
4. Albert Finch
5. Terence Murphy

Turpin is 29, Howard and Armstrong 27, Finch 31—and that should knock for six any ideas you might harbour about youth having its sting at the fight game. Turpin has been regularly on the floor, but at least can boast three 1957 victories over alien hordes and a collection of championship points against Howard. Randy thought he could give a stone to Willie.

Paradise—until the Board of Control forbade the bangs.

Is this a record department. For the first time in several years, neither Turpin nor Finch announced his irrevocable retirement.

MIDDLEWEIGHT

1. PAT McATEER (champion)
2. Alex Buxton
3. Martin Hansen
4. Billy Ellaway
5. Phil Edwards
6. Freddie Cross
7. Les Allen
8. Terry Downes
9. Lew Lazar
10. Dennis Looys
11. Jimmy Bynas

If quantity meant quality, our middleweights could go places. And if Buxton could fight here as well as he does on the Continent, manager Jim Wicks would be rich. Champion McAtaer can still supply punch when his title is threatened—as witness his boxing against Hansen—but was palpably of insufficient fibre for such a robust Frenchman as Charles Humez.

Terry Downes—scuffle, scowl, fancy punts and all—scored ten wins in 12 fights, and may yet prove the best of the younger squads. Especially if he learns to take: (a) his time; and (b) no notice of the lick-spittlers.

WELTERWEIGHT

1. PETER WATERMAN (champion)
2. Jimmy Newman
3. Jimmy Newman

Short list—but that is the way it is. If you remember that ex-lightweight champion Frank Johnson has been inactive since May, and that Uister's Paddy Graham has only just joined the class.

Waterman has wilted, but he can make those world-title claims look a little less ridiculous. He tightens his defence, and really trims Italy's Emilio Marconi for the European championship next month.

Molloy 30 bouts without defeat, drew nine months ago with Newman—soon to be back in the ring. After six months in Australia and New Zealand, where he won twice, lost once.

LIGHTWEIGHT

1. DAVE CHARNEY (champion)
2. Ron Hanson
3. George Martin
4. Ernie Fossey
5. Johnny Mann
6. Billy Kelly
7. Dorkie Hughes
8. Jimmy Brown
9. Al Sharpe

Crowded, aren't we? But southpaw Charney, having held off Hanson, has no great cause for worry about his title while he sweats out his National Service stint with the Army. Hanson tipped two good wins over Frenchman Guy Gracis, and another over Irishman Martin, who nevertheless retains the look of a prospect after his performance against Armand Savole.

FEATHERWEIGHT

1. CHARLIE HILL (champion)
2. Percy Lewis

Shades of Jordan, Driscoll and Tarleton! Glasgow's Charlie Hill, despite his great gallantry against Jimmy Brown and Percy Lewis, is in my opinion a moderate champion—and one who would be on the way out if there were a really talented British featherweight around to give him a shove. But, as of now, there is no such animal.

Of the up-and-comers, I would take Hill's fellow Scot, John O'Brien, winner of all his eight contests this year.

BANTAMWEIGHT

1. PETER KEENAN (champion)
2. Jimmy Carson
3. George Bowes
4. Dick Currie
5. Freddie Gilroy
6. Eric Brett
7. Billy Rafferty
8. Johnny Morrissey

Healthier here with Bowes (seven wins), Gilroy (eight wins), and Morrissey (six wins) shaping sharp, and with ex-flyweight champion Dal Dower introducing himself this month against Brett (seven wins in 10 appearances). John Smillie is omitted—he is emigrating to Canada.

For the time being Keenan is still very definitely the king-pin, 20 or so 20. Talk, pure-money to Peter—and you've got yourself a performer.

FLYWEIGHT

1. FRANKIE JONES (champion)
2. Terry Spinks
3. Ivan McCreedy
4. George McDade
5. Len Reece

With everybody crossing their fingers, and with two years to go before he can challenge for the title, pink little Spinks (11 fights, 11 wins) has been named by the Boxing Writers' Club as the year's top youngster. And if anybody looks up what happened to previous selections, I'll sue!

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Australian Title Holder Picked For Thomas Cup Trials

Ipo, Malaya, Jan. 6. Ong Eng-hong, of Kuala Lumpur, holder of the Australian singles title, has been invited by the Malayan Badminton Association to take part in the next Thomas Cup trials on January 25 and 26.

When the names of ten players were announced for the trials a fortnight ago, Ong was not among them. His selection was announced today.

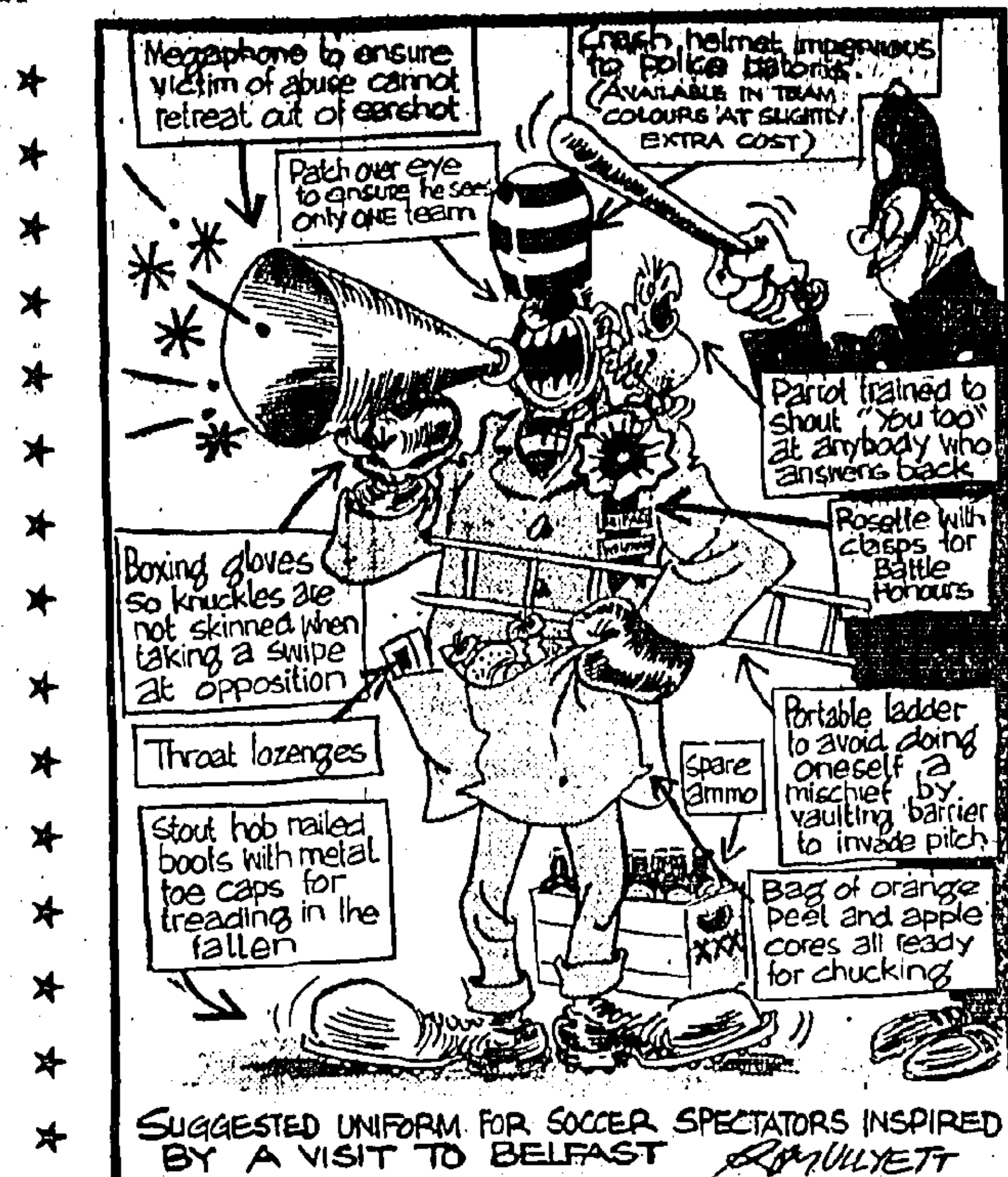
The other finalists are Eddy Choong, David Cheong, Johnny Heah, Tew Kew-sun, Abdullah Piruz, Lai Fook-ying, Od Tek-hock, Ong Peh-lin, Sun Seong-ko, and Lee Say-lup. Twenty-two-year-old Ong, who is a student at Melbourne University, is spending his holidays with his family in Kuala Lumpur.—Reuter.

Australian Fast Bowler For Johannesburg

Sydney, Jan. 6. The 24-year-old West Australian fast bowler Ron Gaunt will leave Perth by air for Johannesburg next Wednesday to join the Australian Test cricketers in South Africa.

Gaunt was able to rush through his final arrangements today to enable him to leave in two days' time.

The touring side's fast bowlers, Meekie, Drennon, and Davidson are on the injured list.—France-Press.



Bryn Curvis Has The Making Of Another Champion If He Turns Professional

By ARCHIE QUICK

Once upon a time Cliff Curvis was king of all Great Britain's lightweight fighters and pride of the South Wales valleys. Now he is back working in Swansea's dockland, and the mantle of this boxing family has fallen on the broad shoulders of brother Bryn.

Real name Nancurvis, this scion of old Dai's plentiful brood is a National Serviceman with the 4th Training Battalion, RASC, at Blackdown, and the manner in which he outpointed such an experienced campaigner as Ted Batterham—himself a former Army title-holder—at the London ABA versus Army match indicated that there is the making of another Champion here when Bryn decides to turn professional—as he undoubtedly will.

Like Cliff, Bryn is a southpaw from the Empire Club, Swansea, and he has most of the punches in his repertoire. Already I can see father Dai fussing over him in his corner and then, after his boy has won, holding him with his cronies in the nearest hostelry and telling them how much better than Cliff Bryn is!

London won by nine bouts to four, and the highlight of the evening at Seymour Hall, Marylebone, was the one-punch victory of Heavyweight Champion Dave Thomas over Gunner Ron Sanders from Sheffield. The opening bell sounded the sparred for exactly nine seconds, and then the Paddington dustman whipped over a right to the jaw and Sanders was counted out. There was some concern behind the scenes after Sanders had reached his dressing room, for this was only Sanders' third fight since he broke his jaw last season. After medical examination, however, no damage was reported.

an only goal in the last ten seconds, their manager, Mr Jimmy Baldwin, told me that the sum of £800 weekly is collected in stalling units. That is, 10,000 tickets are sold by a Supporters' Club whose parent body attracts only an average "gate" of 3,000!

Out of that £800, about £100 goes in agents' collecting fees—one shilling in the pound only—and administrative expenses. Of the balance £350 is devoted to prize-money and prizes, and the club gets the residue of £350. This plus the "gate" pays the salaries of the staff, players, rent and all other overheads. In fact, this 3,000 a week club made a small profit last season and travelling is as far as the money goes. Barry and Merthyr in Wales, Bedford and Hastings. Twenty-one longish journeys a season.

The Same Story

It was the same story with beaten Guildford. Manager Tom Sneddon, just back from coaching in Hongkong, relies upon the Supporters' Club for the wherewithal, although it is not on such a grand scale as Peterborough's, Hastings and Yeovil. Remember too, that Gravesend, with Jimmy Lott, and a side which would not disgrace many a Third Division club, draws barely 3,000 spectators to their home matches, yet can afford to pay half a dozen ex-stars. And to a man, these former lights of the soccer world tell me that they are better off financially and happier in the dressing room than they ever were before in their lives.

Behind Yeovil's last-minute win is the story of player-manager Jimmy Baldwin who turned out after a late fitness test but still with a troublesome leg. "If that game had gone to extra time, he said, 'I should have had to come off. That would have been a fine thing for a manager to do with his players fighting for their Cup existence'—wouldn't it?"

Yeovil are now at home to Bath City in the next round, and there is sure to be a lively non-League club in the "big" round. Remember, it was Yeovil under Alec Stock's player-manager who once beat Bath City and mighty Sunderland "on their own" Southern slopes.

Association football can provide exciting thrills of cold commercialism. But it also today at 3.30 p.m.

throws up warning stories of courage in face of bleak disaster. Geoffrey Smedley was a National Serviceman in the Royal Army Corps at Elmira when he broke his leg in a regimental game at Catterick Camp. The break was set, a bad break it was, but there never seemed a likelihood of Geoffrey again playing football. After weeks in hospital, and months on crutches, his injured leg and his good one formed a letter "D". Doubly distressing because Smedley had just become a professional with Middlesbrough F.C. Two operations were performed, and a silver plate inserted.

That was two years ago. When the boy could get back on to his feet he trained ardently, but hopelessly, and only seemed not to know that his leg was over. He trained and trained, gritting his teeth against the pain when he lapped the ground, ran up and down the terraces for strengthening exercises, and even a few times kicked a ball.

At last Manager Bob Donlan could stand it no longer, and, although Smedley was kept on the club's books, he was sent back to his Nottingham home. The youngster's determination to get back into football never flagged, and he trained with Nottingham.

A Happy Boy

Then one day last March he was walking along a Nottingham street with his mother when his leg crumpled under him. "This is the end," thought Geoffrey as they took him back to hospital. All his efforts in vain. The plate had corroded and the leg crumpled with it. But it proved a blessing in disguise. "The leg was re-set, there were more bone-grafting operations, and now he is having rehabilitation treatment."

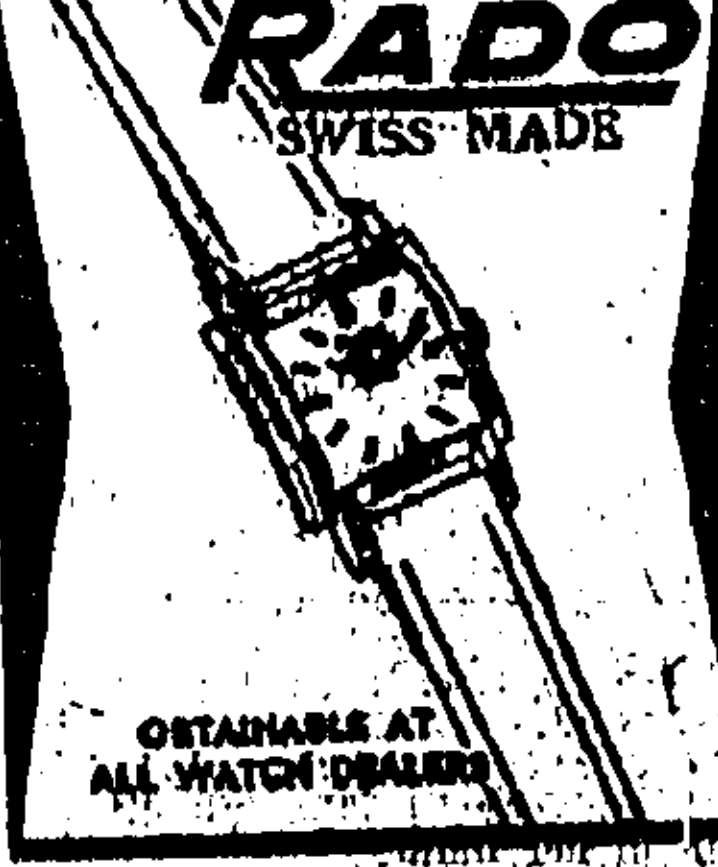
Smedley is a happy boy, for the surgeons have told him that he will be able to play football again, and the day when he will join the Middlesbrough club, Smeggy, before the end of the season.

HKFA MEETING

A joint meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association and the Chinese Football Association will be held at the HKFA's headquarters today at 3.30 p.m.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



Like so many county cricket clubs, non-League football clubs in the majority rely on the weekly overpayment organised by their Supporters' Clubs. Treasures of this method of hand-rolling are, undoubtedly, Peterborough United and Hastings United, but other clubs who Association Cup competition, like Bath City, Worcester City, Walsley Town and Yeovil Town, get along very nicely in a slightly lesser degree.

Take Yeovil. After they had disposed of Guildford City with

SPORTSMEN—LOOK TO YOUR CONSCIENCES

Football Association Fourth Round Cup Draw

London, Jan. 6. The draw for the Fourth Round of the English Football Association Challenge Cup, made here today, went all against the little clubs.

All four Third Division sides definitely through have away matches, and two of the other four who may reach the Fourth Round will have to travel if they do so.

Roshan Khan Completes Sweep Of Squash Championships

Detroit, Jan. 6. Roshan Khan, a 30-year-old pro from Pakistan, has completed a sweep of Squash Championships equal to a grand slam in tennis or winning the triple crown in horse racing.

Khan made squash history yesterday when he beat Henry Salun, an amateur from Boston, 14-18, 15-7, 18-10, in the fifth annual US Open Tournament at the University Club.

Khan thus became the first player ever to win all the championships in a single season. He previously had won titles in Australia, Egypt, Great Britain, and Pakistan.

For his victory, Khan received \$500 and a silver trophy. This is \$150 more than he would have received if he had been runner up. Salun, an amateur, received a trophy and the same amount of money given all contestants, \$75 for expenses.—United Press.

CHESS TOURNEY

London, Jan. 6. Yugoslavia's S. Gligoric defeated the Swiss Champion, Max Euwe, after 55 moves in a match lasting five and a half hours in the sixth round of the International Chess Tournament at Hastings, South England today.—France-Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY
JFKFA Dinner in Honour of Austrian Wacker Team at Tai Tung Restaurant, 8 p.m.
Golf
Ladies' Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning (1st round). Boundary Street, 3 p.m.

TOMORROW
Hockey
All Hongkong v Wacker Football Team at Hongkong Stadium, 6.30 p.m.

Finals of FAITLBY Rugby Competition at Police Ground, Boundary Street, 3 p.m.

Cricket
Triangular Tournament: Combined RAF & Navy v Army, HKCC, 11 a.m.

Pakistan 44 For Two Against Windward Islands

St Lucia, Windward Islands, Jan. 6.

India restricted the first day's play to 75 minutes after tea when the Pakistan cricket team opened their West Indies tour against the Windward Islands here today.

Pakistan, put into bat, had made 44 for two by the close, with Test opening batsman Hanif Mohammad 23 not out.—Reuter.

Tourists Decide To Continue Their Vacation

Zurich, Switzerland, Jan. 6. A heavy snowfall, long overdue, today brightened winter sports prospects in Europe.

At long last, such resorts as St Moritz, Arosa and Chamunax reported good skiing conditions. The Parsenn, the world's most famous skiing grounds, had its rocks and bumps slowly disappearing in a thick layer of powder.

Ski racing sponsors, forced to cancel several races earlier this winter, heaved sighs of relief. Thousands of tourists decided to continue their vacation, after all.

But there were still some dark spots in the snowy picture.

Most of the German resorts reported continued lack of snow. It rained in the Austrian Tyrol. At Kitzbuehel, skiers found enough snow only higher up, near the mountain tops.—United Press.

Stop Besmirching The Once Fair Name Of Sport

Says DENNIS HART

London.

Stop it. Stop it, I say.

I am talking to people who play sport, people who run sport, people who watch sport. Stop besmirching the once fair name of sport.

Especially you footballers. With the World Cup reaching its climax, soccer is in the forefront of international sporting news. It is paged by headlines such as "Italians Attacked By Belfast Mob," and "Ugliest Crowd Scenes Ever On A British Ground" when Italy played Northern Ireland at Belfast last December.

This was the game that should have decided whether Ireland or Italy went into the final stages of the World Cup. Because the Hungarian referee and linesmen were prevented by fog from getting to Belfast, Irish officials took charge and the game was labelled "a friendly".

If that was friendship I would hate to see Ireland and Italy have an argument.

Calling the game "a friendly" was the first act in creating the

roughhouse that followed. It caused much ill-feeling among the crowd who had paid and queued to see a World Cup tie.

And they could have seen one, had not the Italians refused to accept control of such a match by Irish officials—all of international class. The visitors declared that the rules of the tournament decreed that neutral officials should be in charge.

England, unlike many soccer nations, does not allow obstruction. This time I think it is the rest of the world that is out of step. In such a negative business, we want soccer to be constructive, not obstructive.

All the same, no difference in the rules excuses some of the tactics used at Belfast. Neither can the resulting mob violence on the spectators' part be excused.

Of course, most of the hundreds who streamed on to the pitch after that game were the usual back-scratchers and autograph hunters. Only a small percentage took advantage of the melee to indulge in buggery.

But this is a small percentage that must be eliminated. Or rather the violence in them must be eliminated.

Everyone in soccer, and in sport as a whole, must ask themselves whether they do not go just a bit too far in their feelings and actions when national victory is at stake.

If the answer is yes, they must tell themselves to stop. (London Express Service) (COPYRIGHT)

They are Uruguayan by birth. They have played for Uruguay in the World Cup. But in the background lurks a convenient Italian forefather. This is enough for the Italians to include the players in their team.

All soccer officials must take blame for the fact that the rules of this universal game are not universal. Much of the boogymen at Belfast was sparked off when Irish left-winger Peter McParland charged the Italian goalkeeper, and when the Italian players obstructed the Irish.

Sydney, Jan. 6. Australia's 13-year-old "water baby" Isla Konrad became the outstanding prospect for this year's Empire Games and the 1960 Olympics, when she clocked under five minutes for the women's 440 yards free-style in a long course pool here tonight.

Her time was 4 minutes 59.2 seconds.

The only other swimmer to break five minutes in the long course pool is Australia's World and Olympic Champion, Lorraine Crapp.—France-Press.

'Sugar' Ray Ready To Meet Carmen Basilio

New York, Jan. 6.

"Sugar" Ray Robinson, former World Middleweight Boxing Champion declared here today that he was ready to meet Carmen Basilio, the champion, in a return fight.

Before leaving for Florida for a few days' holiday Robinson explained that if he retired from the ring he wanted to retire as a World Champion. But he added that he wanted to be sure that this time he got his purse after the fight.

Robinson did not see his \$500,000 purse when he lost his title to Basilio. The United States Income Bureau tax took it. Since then Robinson has been only allowed a fraction of it to cover his expenses.

To add to his financial problems, Robinson had to appear before a Bronx Court twice last week following a complaint from one of his former associates, Ernie Braeen who claimed \$119,000 as Commission from Robinson.

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Meanwhile Basilio has started training at his camp near Denver.—France-Press.

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Egyptians Enter Third Round In Squash Tourney

London, Jan. 6.

Four Egyptians today won their way through to the third round in the British Amateur Squash Rackets Championship at the Lansdowne Club in London.

A fifth Egyptian was beaten by one of his own countrymen and two others eliminated by British players.

Most impressive of the Egyptians was Ibrahim Amin, who only gave away six games in three sets against Britain's P. Robinson.

Other Egyptian winners were S. A. Hamid, T. Shafik, and A. W. El Halfawy.—France-Press.

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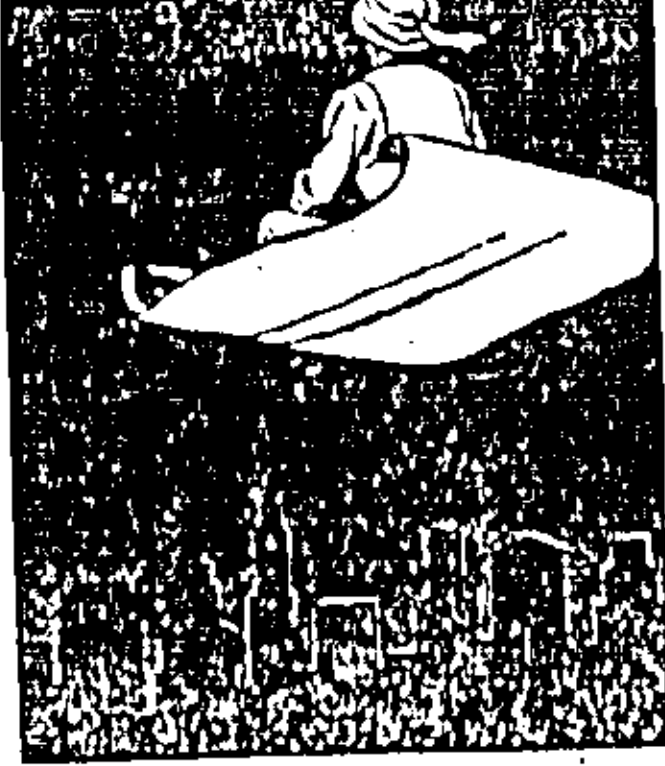
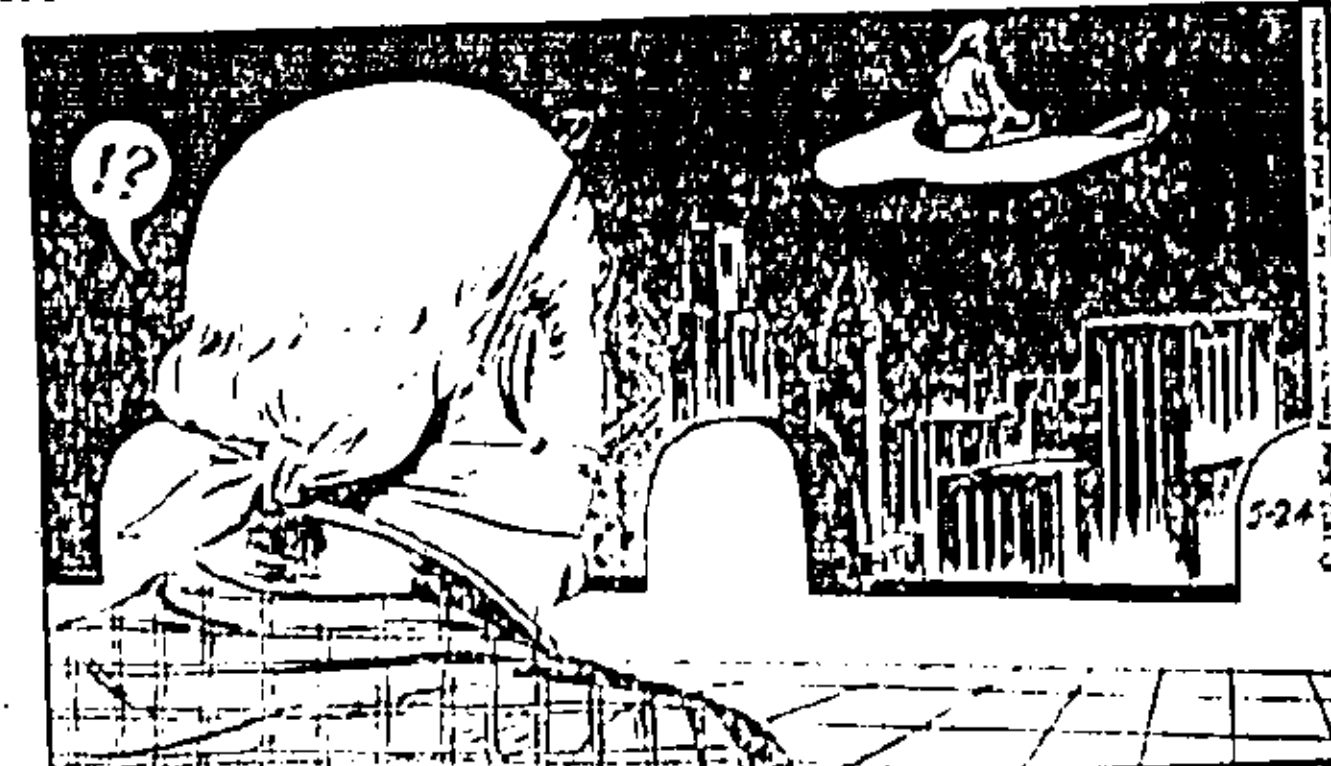
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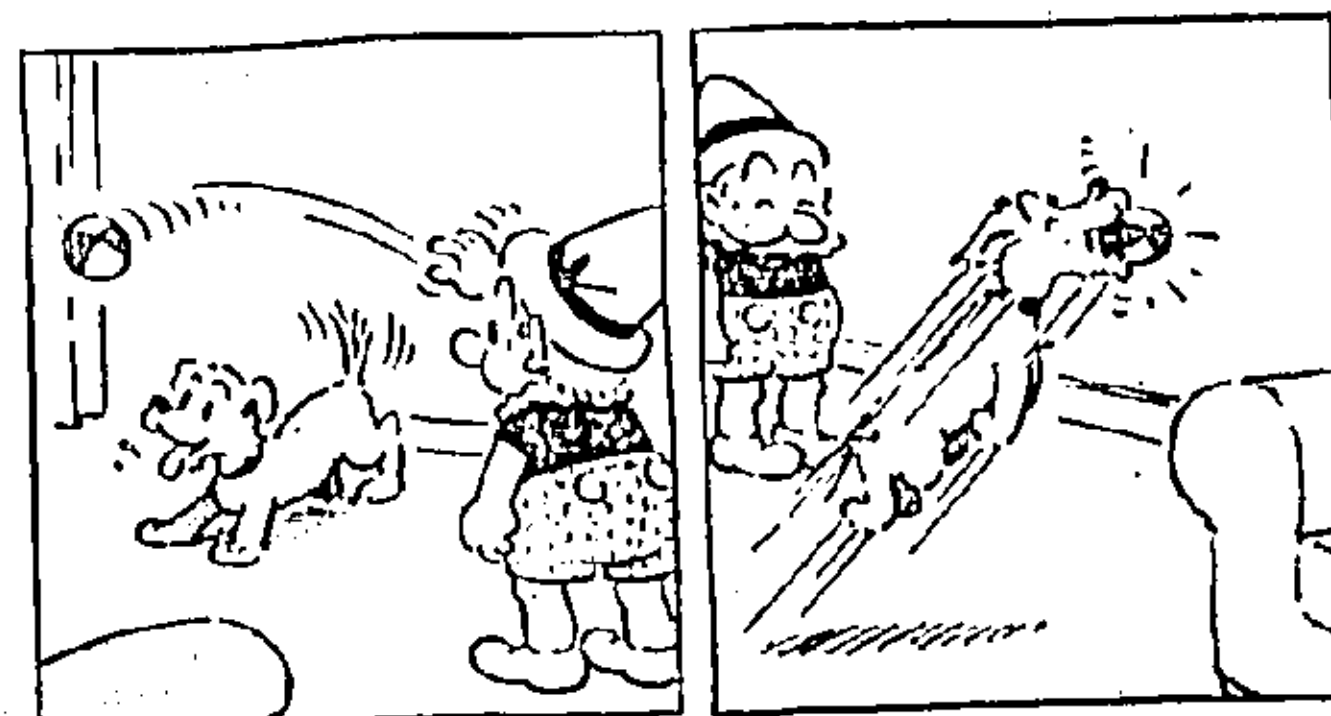
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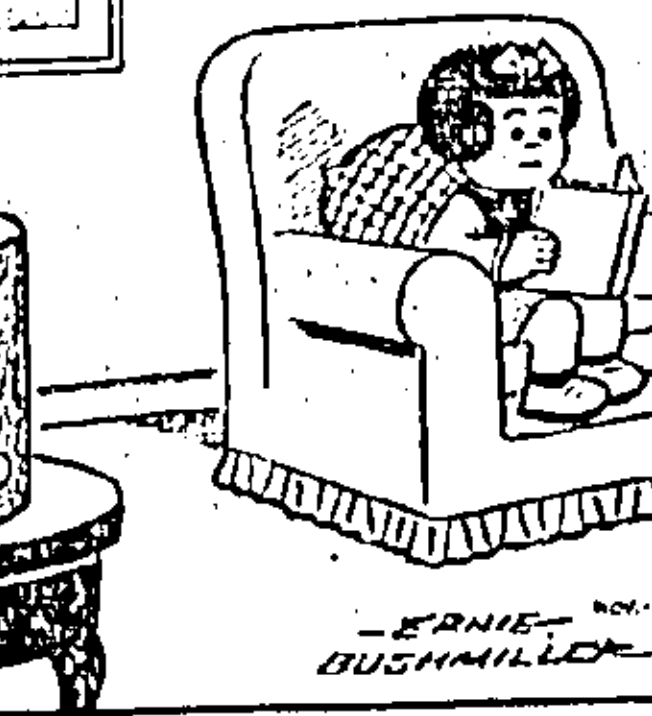
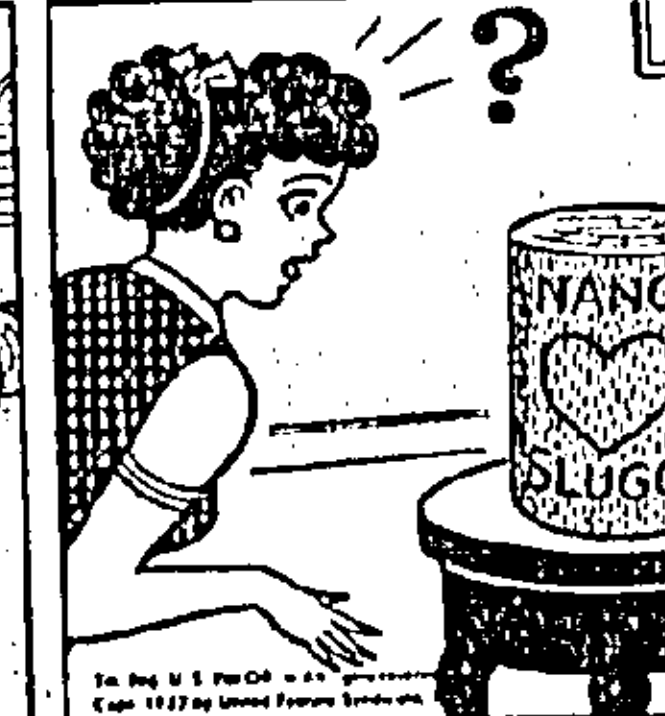
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1958—A Tough Year For Japan

Tokyo (By Airmail)
A RATHER bleary-eyed nation paid lip service to 'Shigoto Hajime'—the Start Work Day of the New Year, which in any case happened to be Saturday the 4th, so after the traditional bows had been made, it was already time to fold up for the weekend.

In crisp, sunny weather, Tokyo's usually drab streets were a blaze of colour as this is the one season when even the most "modan-geru" (modern girl) turns to her kimono—many donning the traditional "katsura" these uncomfortable-looking wigs seen in the woodblock prints of old Japan.

Housewives and hotel serving girls who toil the year through at appalling daily hours, are released from their virtual bondage at this time, bedecking themselves in their very brightest for their brief moment of respite from the endless chores.

Undertone

But the gaudiness and chatter and merry laughter heard all round, cloak a somewhat sombre undertone. Big business has almost convinced itself beforehand that this is going to be a tough year. Labour too is cycling the months ahead with some circumspection as greater unemployment looms.

Even Soljy, the militant General Council of Trade Unions, suddenly decided to soft-pedal its forthcoming spring "struggle" and to refrain from any tactics which may embarrass the Socialist Party prior to the next General Election which must be held some time this year as the Diet is automatically due to end its current term at the beginning of 1959.

Exactly when Prime Minister Kishi will dissolve the present Diet is yet a matter for much speculation. During the holidays he has already mentioned he would make up his mind about it between January 20 and 25—a remark which brought an immediate protest from the Economic Planning Agency Director, Ichiro Kono, and from Taiso Ichizaki, President of the Federation of Economic Organisations. But the powerful "ruling class" of the Liberal-Democratic Party would like to see Mr Kishi have his head, and call for an early election.

The situation is very fluid—and for that matter very Japanese—as the Prime Minister is now backing the "main stream" members who are basically his strongest supporters, and who feel an appeal to the country at this juncture would be a serious mistake. The best guess at the moment is that nothing will happen before the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year which commences here on April 1, and an election will be held early in the summer.

Key issues facing the country—apart from finding work for the new "crop" which will graduate shortly, plus the anticipated 140,000 who will

lose their jobs through the pull-out of American security forces—are the signing of a peace treaty with Russia and what steps to take regarding China.

The first of these may well proceed to a reasonably smooth conclusion, for already a treaty of commerce has been signed between Japan and Russia, while talks on the vexed fisheries question between the two are—with due consideration to both disputants—going as well as can be expected.

Two Chinas

However, when it comes to China it is a matter which strikes much closer to the usually indifferent man-in-the-street. The Socialist Party wants to put an end to the theory of "two Chinas," and the Liberal-Democrats want to pursue a policy of non-recognition of Peking but at the same time to expand trade between Japan and the mainland. It should be noted that many businessmen who normally back the Liberal-Democrats support the Socialist policy against China.

Japan must also keep in mind that any steps it takes towards the full recognition of Peking and the then automatic break with Taipei, would seriously involve her various relations with the United States—and not least

among these is her heavy financial dependency on that country. How to close all the obvious gaps and keep everyone happy is a headache Japan's politicians must cure on their own—and the remedies appear at this moment to be on a very high shelf.

A post-war joke about having "a university at every railroad station" is causing considerable laughing on the wings side of the national face these days as veritable hordes of "graduates" descend on the economy from the seats of higher learning which dot the landscape at any point on which it is possible to carve out a campus.

Office-Boys

Batchelors of arts, economics, sociology and law come in their hopeful thousands with nothing better than glorified office-boy jobs in prospect. All but the minutest percentage would never sleep to manual labour—even under the greatest stress—once possessed of these cherished certificates. Plainly, there isn't room for them all—but in this paternal atmosphere, something is found for them.

On the other hand, a troublesome shortage exists in skilled tradesmen and artisans, merchant marine officers, civil aviation pilots and for that matter, good salesmen. A form of subterfuge exists in this country which permits a BA to take a post which would never see his salary rise above say ¥25,000 monthly for the rest of his days, and then spurn, let's say a shipyard welder who comfortably earns double that amount.

An almost fanatical belief exists among parents that they are doing a grave injustice to their children if they don't send them to the universities to get them a university education. Somehow the burden of surplus university graduates is borne. Every office, both government and private, is packed with the redundant personnel—finally a big contributing factor to the high prices of Japanese merchandise. But the fact will have to be recognised sooner or later that "face" alone is not the basis of foundation of a strong society and sound economy, and that getting as it may be to family "pride," someone has to roll up his sleeves to work a little.

weld a plate or for that matter, bake a loaf of bread.

In certain respects this aspect of life in Japan should bring some degree of comfort to the countries with whom she hopes to compete in the world's markets for "fine products". As long as she cannot attract nor develop a truly skilled labour force—her "surplus"—with occasional exceptions—will never reach the standards of those produced in Britain, of the Continent and in North America where "face" is regarded in more logical perspective.

Japan intends to make 1958 an outstanding year in "Invitation Diplomacy" to promote "mutual understanding and friendly relations". Already Indonesian President Soekarno, Turkish Premier Menderes and King Faisal of Iraq have accepted formal invitations to the list include Tongku Abdul Rahman of Malaya, Philippine President Garcia and King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia from whom replies are shortly expected.

Admittedly this country does have the facility to "soften up" visitors, whereas its various embassies frequently fail to make the intended good impression abroad—probably the main cause for this sudden outburst of hospitality.

Bill-Jumper

On this subject, one gentleman of Japan received a lesson it will take him eight months to finish. Keiichi Kikugawa, 47, of Amagasaki city, laboured under the belief that bars and restaurants owed him hospitality for he termed himself a "licensed bill-jumper". But just once too often.

Keiichi had been arrested 40 times since 1950 for failing to pay his drinking bills. Each time he escaped punishment by claiming that he was an habitual pub-crawler who passed out easily—thus in the eyes of Japanese law, excusing himself adequately.

When recently demanded to pay his bill at a bar, he triumphantly claimed the privilege of his "license" by virtue of his previous "penalty" from punishment. However, the judge this time sentenced him to eight months' gaol with a two-year suspension of sentence.

The very next day he went back to the same bar and tried his old dodge. Result? The fed up judge withdrew the suspension and the prisoner went the bibulous Keiichi.

A DOUBLE FEATURE AND A SUSPENSE THRILLER

It was as long ago as last September when I saw the double feature programme that comes to the King's and Princess this afternoon. Now I am going to have very little to say about the first item.

It is called "Swamp Women." It is a film made by a new company called Woolmer Bros., and quite frankly, I should not be very proud of making it. Technically it is excellent, and the scenery of the swampy Louisiana country comes out well in Eastman colour. But when you have said that you have said all. It is as nasty a piece of violence as I have seen.

However, if you like tough women, if you like seeing them pull a knife on one another, if you like seeing them shoot each other down, if you like to see women fighting it out like drunken sailors, this is your film.

Now the real business of this programme is the second feature, "Tillie's Punctured Romance." And this is the film that will undoubtedly draw full houses while it is on. For it is a masterpiece, made before most of the audience was born.

Here is a chance to prove what I always say. You can't get better equipment, but you can't get genius when you want it. But here it is. Charlie Chaplin in his first big (for those days) film.

All his latent genius is there. Charlie himself, his half so thick and curly and black in that irresistibly funny little man the world was to get to know so well. It is a new edition of the film, there are no blemishes, and a sound track is added.

Apart from Chaplin, look at the names along-side his that made film history. Mack Sennet as a producer; Marie Dressler who swept the early thirties; Mabel Normand early twenties; and the funny boys who covered the next quarter of a century after this film was made; Charlie Chase, Edgar Kennedy, Mack Swain. And to complete the merry bunch, the one and only crack copper crowd, The Keystone Cops.

Never was so much real talent tied up in one film. I wonder if anyone in the Colony saw it on its original appearance?

In the picture, Marie Dressler is co-starred with Chaplin as



Barbara Lange as the glamorous mystery girl in "Guilty?"

to the last moments of the film. The spine-tingling action for this film was shot in the back alleys of London and across the Channel in sunny southern France. In short it gives you a tourist-eye view of Europe from your cinema seat.

"Guilty" begins in a court room where Andre Debar is on trial for her life. Accused of killing a man she had every reason to hate, chances for her being declared innocent seem very thin. In fact, the whole court-room, down to the judge, seem convinced of her guilt, even her own lawyer.

But ace reporter Frank Villard and his old wartime friend John Justin decide that the girl is innocent, and action steps out of the court-room by means of flash-backs, and action that takes Villard and Justin rushing everywhere.

Clues take them in a shady London shooting-gallery, and then on to the famous old walled city of Avignon. And all the time they are trailed by a mysterious and beautiful blonde, Barbara Lange. Finally, an anonymous tip leads the pair to an old mill high in the hills where a gang of international racketeers hide out. Bristling Tommy guns and pickpockets meet them as they race against time to clear the doomed girl's name. Exciting scenery, and an exciting story is a hard combination to beat. They are both in this film.



CALLAS WANTS TO SING AGAIN IN ROME

Rome, Jan. 6. Maria Meneghini—Callas, fabulous "Tigris" of world opera, was fighting back against Rome's improprieties today in a tussle that may end in a legal brawl.

The fiery Greek-American's room on the fourth floor of the Cirinnale Hotel was like a command post. Friends reported that Madame Callas had snatched out of the depression that followed her debacle in Thursday's gala opening at the Teatro Dellopera.

Maria's husband and spokesman, industrialist Giovanni Battista Meneghini, planned one more attempt today to persuade the opera superintendant to let Madame Callas sing again for a Roman audience on Wednesday and Saturday.

The alternative, Meneghini hinted darkly, probably would be a legal suit against the Rome Opera for breach of contract.—United Press.

Fifers In Free-For-All Over Callas

Bergamo, Jan. 6. The century-old "Musical Band of the 30 Fifers" at the nearby village of Formovo San Giovanni split in two and smashed its files today in a free-for-all over opera soprano Maria Meneghini-Callas.

Nobody quite knows how the fight started. But it was all over the rights and wrongs of the Callas case which has thrown much Italy into national uproar.

China Mail Entertainment Guide WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Guilty?" John Justin, Barbara Lange in a suspense thriller.
KING'S & PRINCESS: "Swamp Women." "Tillie's Punctured Romance," with Charlie Chaplin. A double feature.
LEE & ASTOR: "Just My Luck." Norman Wisdom in another comedy.
QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA: "Hamlet." Laurence Olivier.
STAR & METROPOLE: "Sweet Smell Of Success." Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis in the story of a hard hitting Broadway columnist.
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Les Girls." A sparkling show that lets in the New Year with a bang. Gene Kelly, Mitz Gaynor, Kay Kendall, and Talia Elg.
RITZ: "The Broken Star." Howard Duff in a Western.
CAPITOL: "Ill Met By Moonlight." Dirk Bogarde in a war picture.
ORIENTAL: "Man On Fire." Bing Crosby in a drama.
MAJESTIC: "Run Of The Arrow." Rod Steiger becomes an Indian.

RADIO HONGKONG

5.35 p.m. Not for Squares, 9, Time Signal, "Hundred" 2.15, Rumania, 5.30, L'Orchestre des Concerts Lamoureux, 5.35, Weather Report, 5.40, News, 5.45, Educational, 5.50, Music in Mind, 5.55, Programme 1, 6.00, "Take It Easy" 6.05, The Gold Band, 6.10, News and Home News from Britain, 6.15, Delta With Greenaway, 6.20, Ted Thomas, 6.25, "Look What I've Found" presented by John Wallace, 6.30, Heart Line, 6.35, The Gold Band, 6.40, Weather Report, 6.45, Time Signal, 6.50, News Down.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

New Year: Economists Are Gloomy, But . . . Industrialists Feel Confident

Conflict Of Opinion Is More Apparent Than Real

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Jan. 5. One thing above all strikes me as significant in the current crop of economic forecasts. The country's leading industrialists almost without exception feel confident of a reasonably happy New Year in their own particular field. Economists on the other hand tend to take a more gloomy view of prospects for 1958.

The conflict of opinion here is more apparent than real. It can be attributed to a difference in basic premises rather than to any error in reasoning on one side or the other.

An industrialist who is asked to give his view of prospects for the coming year will confine himself to the things he knows about intimately. His first reference will be to his order book, and if this is full, he will be justified in forecasting a year of full employment.

In fact, this is what most industrialists have done. Last year was a good one for many industries, and most of them hope to do at least as well this year and, in some cases, even better.

An economist, on the other hand, is not so much concerned with prospects for a single industry, or even with industrial prospects as a whole. This is only one of many factors he must take into account in arriving at his conclusion.

DIFFICULT This is never an easy task, because some of the factors are no more than possibilities, and a wrong guess about any of them could make nonsense of his carefully thought-out forecast.

At the outset of this year, it is even more difficult than usual to form a firm opinion of prospects for the months ahead. Even more than in other years, so much depends on circumstances over which Britain has little, if any, influence, that the best opinion is hedged about with "ifs" and "buts."

If production rises in line with wages, there is a good prospect that inflation will be checked this year. There is now plenty of spare capacity in Britain to meet a moderate increase in home demand without unduly straining resources.

If savings remain at their present high level, there should be sufficient to cover the cost of new investment—which is still at a very high level despite the decline in its rate of growth—plus the cost of normal stock building, and still leave a margin for a very respectable balance of payments surplus.

COMPETITIVE If British exports remain competitive, we should be able to look forward to a surplus in the balance of payments, and a current account at least as large as last year's estimated £200 million to £250 million. However, even if there is some falling off in exports, the current surplus should be maintained through the improvement in Britain's terms of trade brought about by last year's fall in commodity prices. It is when we look beyond Britain that the situation with anxiety.

The overriding question concerns the outlook for the American economy. The present recession in the United States may or may not become more serious; but even a slight break in the American economic weather could become a gale by the time it crosses the Atlantic.

So even if the American recession is as mild and ephemeral as most experts believe, it is Europe and the rest of the world that must watch the situation with anxiety.

The rest of the world rode out the last American recession in 1953—with little ill-effect, because the United States was still paying out more dollars than she was gathering in, and European production was rising very vigorously. In 1957, however, the American economy suffered a check of time of renewed shortage and of a leveling-off of postwar economic expansion in Europe. The effect of this conjuncture on prospects for 1958 cannot be

foreseen, and it is the factor most likely to upset forecasts. Even if it continues on its present mild scale, the American recession will impose a strain on sterling, for one thing a shortage of dollars might lead to sales in sterling to acquire the currency in short supply. And if this were to coincide with fresh rumours of an appreciation in the exchange value of the West German Mark, a sterling crisis of last September's proportions might recur.

In any case, sterling faces a difficult year. Lower commodity prices have already hit several overseas sterling countries. (The New Zealand example might be followed by other primary producing countries as farm and mineral incomes fall). The combined current surplus of the overseas sterling area in the first half of last year, was transformed into a deficit in the second half-year. And this year, Britain's surplus will at best barely cover the expected deficit of the overseas sterling area.

DILEMMA These are not the conditions in which we can look forward to a strengthening of the gold and dollar reserves on the scale that is necessary before sterling can be said to have recovered from the effects of Suez and last summer's speculation.

Indeed, it might be said that sterling faces its stiffest test in the year ahead. For last year's crisis was overcome only at the cost of mobilising the second-line reserves. IMF drawings, Export-Import Bank loans and deferment of debt repayment have a definitely limited application.

These are, however, certain things the British Government can do to discourage another speculative run on sterling, and to ensure that if it does occur, no permanent damage will result.

And this brings us right up against the big dilemma of 1958. The present dear money policy in Britain is putting a brake on the economy at a time when spare capacity exists in many industries, and some unemployment seems inevitable. But the external situation still does not permit any relaxation of the credit squeeze.

The timing of a reduction from the present high bank rate will, therefore, call for a high degree of skill. The only certain thing is that not general relaxation of the tight money policy is likely until at least the spring, by which time the American economic outlook and the domestic wages situation should be a lot clearer.

—Express Service.

London Metal Prices

London, Jan. 6. Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	27 1/2	27 3/4
3-month	27 1/2	27 3/4
Copper spot	17 1/2	17 3/4
3-month	17 1/2	17 3/4
Lead 1st half	11 1/2	11 3/4
2nd half	11 1/2	11 3/4
4th	11 1/2	11 3/4
5th	11 1/2	11 3/4

—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$230,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORP.	100	24 @ 850
HSBC	100	24 @ 850
Union	75	150 @ 16.20
Waterloo	32 1/2	150 @ 16.20
Waterloo	6.40	125 @ 0.45
DOCK, ETC.	100	125 @ 0.45
K. Wharf	125	500 @ 0.52
Dock	0.11 1/2	500 @ 0.52
Provident	11.60	11.90
LAO	11.60	11.90
HSBC	14.50	15 @ 14.80
HSBC	32 1/2	32 1/2
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Really	1.25	1.25
RUBBER	1.30	1.325
Trade	1.20	1.25
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Yamat	0.14	0.15
C. Light	10.80	17 @ 0.27
Electric	26.70	27
Macao	25.00	10.80
Telephone	25.00	2.10
INDUSTRIALS	20	20
Cent	16.10	100 @ 16.20
Dairy	11.70	210 @ 11.80
WATER	4.45	4.00 @ 0.30
Nautilus	8.50	1,000 @ 8.50
MISCELLANEOUS	1.50	1,000 @ 1.50
Investment	1.50	1,000 @ 1.50
Anglo	1.50	1,000 @ 1.50
Singapore	1.40	300

At the close of the day, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange closed 1/2 point higher, at 11.90.

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Of a total of 1,184 issues traded today, 511 were higher, 405 lower and 207 unchanged.

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THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

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Prediction For Rubber

New York, Jan. 6.

The Natural Rubber Bureau predicted today that in 1958 natural rubber producers will again sell just about all they can make despite the premium price of natural over synthetic rubber which is now going into the fourth year.

The Bureau noted that in 1957 the surplus of production over consumption for natural and synthetic together came to a very small 35,000 tons.

For 1958 this same optimism of consumption pattern is again predicted with a surplus of only 40,000 tons forecast for the year.

Standard contract closed 2 1/2 points lower with no sales reported.

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SINGAPORE STOCKS

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Natu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	\$1.77 1/2
British Overseas Petroleum Co. Ltd.	\$1.77 1/2
Consolidated Tin Smelters	25 1/2
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	\$4.07 1/2
Fraser & Neave 7 1/2% cum.	\$4.07 1/2
Prof. Gammon (Malaya) Ltd.	\$2.32 1/2
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$4.50
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	6 1/2
Kumhoi Ltd.	\$1.00
Kuala Lumpur Tin	3 1/2
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	\$1.00
Malayan Breweries Ltd.	\$3.42 1/2
New Straits Times	\$2.50
Penang Tin Ltd.	\$2.50
Penang Tin 7 1/2% cum.	\$2.50
Singapore Cold Storage	\$1.00
Straits Trading	\$1.00
Straits Steamship	\$1.00
United Engineers Ord.	\$1.00
Wanma Bros	\$3.07 1/2
Yankee-China Mail Special	\$1.00

New York Metal Futures

New York, Jan. 6. Prices of metal futures closed today as follows, in cents per lb.:

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	8.25
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.40
Australian notes (per £1)	15.40
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) ..	13.40
Siam tical (per 100)	23.40

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Anti-Dutch Measures To Continue

French Hold Rubber In South Vietnam

Saigon, Jan. 7. French control of South Vietnam's rubber plantations may prohibit exportation of rubber to South Korea, an informed source said.

A Korean trade mission recently visited Saigon. It showed interest in buying Vietnamese rubber and timber and increasing the small amount of Vietnamese rice now purchased by Korea.

But a source close to the trade mission said Korea would find it difficult to enter Vietnam's rubber market. Most of this Southeast Asian nation's rubber plantations are French-owned. Their major market for decades has been France and remains so today although Vietnam now is independent of French political control.

Reaction To Hillary's Suggestion

London, Jan. 6. The Chairman of the London Committee managing the Commonwealth Trans-Arctic Expedition told the New Zealand Committee to which Sir Edmund Hillary reports that it is Hillary's job to get Dr Vivian Fuchs, leader of the British group to Scott Base this season.

The message, which went as a cable from Marshall of the Royal Air Force, Sir John Glenister to H. C. Bowden, Chairman of the New Zealand Management Committee, is apparently a severe reaction to Sir Edmund's suggestion that Dr Fuchs might be well advised to abandon the attempt to lead the first overland trek across the whole of Antarctica.

Probe Into Tragedy Of Pamir

Lubeck, Jan. 6. Captain Hermann Eggers, the regular Master of the 3,020-ton West German four-masted sailing ship Pamir which sank with the loss of 89 lives in the Atlantic last September, told a court of inquiry here today: "I knew this ship. I loved her, and I was fully convinced of her reliability."

ARMY BACKS SOEKARNO IN ABSENCE

Djakarta, Jan. 6. Indonesia today promised to continue its anti-Dutch campaign as President Soekarno departed on an extensive "rest and work" tour of Asian and African nations.

The pledge to continue anti-Dutch measures, made by President Soekarno, and a declaration of army loyalty sent the President off on his five-to-six-week trip. Soekarno is scheduled to visit countries from Egypt to Japan to explain Indonesia's cause in its dispute with the Netherlands as well as to recuperate from the strain of his office.

President Soekarno's departure came at a time when new troubles loomed ahead for Indonesia. There were reports of more dissident movements in the outer islands and warnings of fresh economic difficulties. Rumours of "possible subversive movements" during the President's absence. It said the people were speculating whether they had been led by the Communists or the Islamic Darul Islam movement, which is said to have been behind the recent unsuccessful bombing attack on Soekarno.

Vehicle Thefts

Two thefts from parked cars have been reported to the Police in Hongkong. In the first case, the wing mirrors of a private car parked in Castle Road, near Robinson Road, were stolen last night, and in the second case, side lights were removed from a private car parked in Cleverly Street early yesterday morning.

Boy Dies

A five-year-old boy, Chan Chai-nam, of 254, Apiti Street, first floor, was fatally injured at about 10.05 a.m. yesterday when he was knocked down by a lorry in Tung Chau Street, near its junction with Kwella Street, Shamshuipo.

ROTARIANS OFF TO TAIWAN



Three Hongkong Rotarians left for Taipei by air this morning to attend an official conference on Rotary affairs. The three were Mr Fung Ping-fan, Rotary International's Administrative Adviser to the 16 Rotary Clubs in the China-Hongkong-Macao area, Mr Henry Chang, a past President of the Rotary Club of Hongkong Island East, and Mr R. Y. Cheng, Hon. Secretary of the Rotary Club of Hongkong. Before leaving, Rotarian Fung Ping-fan told newsmen that they would be away for 10 days and hoped to visit all the 11 Rotary Clubs in Taiwan. The main object of their visit, he added, was to hold two one-day institutes to discuss Rotary affairs there.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Just wait! One of these days the big boss will say, 'Jackson, your natty appearance is paying big dividends—you're a born leader of men!'"

More US Propaganda Needed Abroad Says Congressman

Boston, Jan. 6. The only Asian in the US Congress returned home today from a round-the-world trip and said the United States should do a better propaganda job abroad.

Representative Dalip Singh Saund (Democrat, California) arrived at Logan Airport with his wife and their 20-year-old daughter Ellie. They had visited Rome, Paris, London, Israel, Honolulu, Japan, Vietnam, Hongkong, Singapore, Manila, Rangoon and Saund's native India.

Communist Congratulation For Hillary

London, Jan. 6. Soviet scientists have sent messages of congratulation on Sir Edmund Hillary's feat in reaching the South Pole, Moscow radio reported tonight.

It said Dr Mikhail Shomov, head of the Soviet Antarctic expedition on the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said: "The success of the New Zealand group led by Sir Edmund Hillary provokes feelings of deep respect among Soviet polar explorers."

ALL MEMBERS

A later broadcast reported that the academicians Dmitry Shcherbakov, Chairman of the Antarctic Research Council of the Academy, sent a telegram to the President of the New Zealand Antarctic Society, in which he said, "I beg you to convey to Sir Edmund Hillary and to all members of his expedition the congratulations of Soviet scientists on their outstanding success in reaching the South Pole on tractors and out hope that the expedition will complete equally successfully its trans-Antarctic crossing and enrich world science with new information about the Antarctic."

DECEMBER WARMEST SINCE 1948

December 1957 was exceptionally dry and sunny and was the warmest since 1948. The rainfall for the month was only 30 per cent of the normal amount and was entirely confined to three days. During the month, the Colony was under the influence of a persistent anticyclone centred over north China, which, with only a few interruptions, maintained a steady NE monsoon along the south China coast.

At the beginning of the month, the weather was fine and pleasant with a predominantly northerly airstream. On the 4th, a small high pressure cell broke away from the parent anticyclone over China and moved into the Pacific, causing warm moist air to reach Hongkong from the east and resulting in a warm spell with daily temperatures well above normal.

The maximum temperature for the month (77.4 degrees F) was recorded on the 12th and 13th. On the 14th, an intense cold surge from the north brought relief from the warm and humid weather, and temperature fell rapidly to a minimum of 52.4 degrees F early on the 15th.

PRESSURE ROSE

During the next three days, pressure rose steadily over southeast China and winds gradually freshened from the east over the Colony.

The Strong Monsoon Signal was hoisted at 11.40 a.m. on the 16th and a maximum gust of 38 knots was recorded on the same day. On the 21st, a weak surge passed through the Colony giving traces of light drizzle. However, there was no appreciable fall in temperature and weather improved rapidly after passage of the surge.

MONTH'S FIGURES

The month's figures and departures from normal were: Sunshine: 194.0 hours, 22.5 hours above normal. Rainfall: 8.0 mm (0.31 ins), 18.2 mm (0.72 in) below normal. Cloudiness: 52%, 4% below normal. Relative Humidity: 74%, 4% above normal. Mean Maximum Temperature: 70.9°F, 2.9°F above normal. Mean Temperature: 65.1°F, 2.1°F above normal. Mean Minimum Temperature: 61.1°F, 2.2°F above normal. Mean Dew Point: 56°F, 2°F above normal. Maximum temperature of 77.4°F was recorded on the 12th and 13th. Minimum temperature of 52.4°F was recorded on the 15th.

Knocked Down

A twelve-year-old boy, So Chun-lung, of 100, Shing Wo Road, ground floor, sustained serious injuries at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday when he was knocked down by a Government vehicle in Shing Wo Road, near its junction with Tsun Yuen Street.

Big Developments Going On In China

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER
Tremendous development is going on everywhere in China and both heavy and light industries throughout the country are forging ahead at a terrific pace.

That is the opinion gathered by Mr P. J. Alley, a civil engineer, after a 70-day visit to that country following a tour of Soviet Russia. Mr Alley is a New Zealander and a senior lecturer at the Canterbury University College, Christchurch. He left his home country in June last year, representing his college at an international civil engineering conference in London. Then he went on a tour of Europe and visited most European capitals until early October when he toured the Soviet Union. His visit to Russia was at the invitation of the Society of Closer Relations with Russia, which, Mr Alley said, is an international organisation.

Seeing China through the eyes of an engineer, Mr Alley said he was amazed to find an opinion that there was a tremendous industrial potential. He visited the universities and he marvelled at the well-equipped laboratories and up-to-date instruments. In his 10-week tour, Mr Alley and his wife were able to visit as many as 15 cities and he was struck with the tremendous development that was going on, he said.

He was informed that the hydro-electric plant being built at San Men would produce one million kilowatts. "This is only second to the Soviet Union," Mr Alley said. He did not think even the United States had such a huge dam that would produce such power. Mr Alley added that engineers were surveying the famous Yangtze gorges to dam the waterways and when this was completed, the power derived from this hydro-electric source would be the biggest in the world. He quoted the figure 6,000,000 kilowatts as the electric power capable of being produced by the harnessing this swift-running river.

30,000 Lorries

Mr Alley also said that the motor car plant that was recently set up by the Government could manufacture 30,000 lorries next year and that not long after this, the factory would be able to make private cars for the people of China. Talking about oil refineries, Mr Alley said the plant established in Tsai Dam was capable of producing two million tons of oil a year. This plant, he added, was closely followed in efficiency by the refinery in Kansu.

MASTER FINED

The master of a motor fishing vessel, 44-year-old Yip Bo, was fined \$150 by Mr C. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for having two secret compartments in his vessel.

Inspector C. Y. Chan said the Marine Police intercepted craft yesterday morning in a routine check off Shamshuipo. The Police first found a compartment in the bow of the ship and after further searching, discovered another near the engine room.

The defendant explained that the compartments were there to store valuables in the event of his vessel being attacked by pirates. He added that he did not know it was against the law to have them.

Snatching

A pair of gold earrings was snatched from a Chinese woman walking in Fuk Wa Street, near Wong Chuk Street, at about 2.30 p.m. yesterday. The Police have detected a man on suspicion of having tried to pick the pockets of a Chinese pedestrian in Apiti Street at about 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

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Inland Revenue Wins Test Case

At Central Magistracy yesterday, Chan Fung, of 10, Eastern Street, ground floor, was fined \$500 by Mr F. G. Nigel for having given false information to the Business Registration Office of the Inland Revenue Department when applying for a remission of the fee of \$200. Chan, who is the proprietor of the Fook Chan Salt Fish Shop, was stated by the prosecutor, Mr E. S. Jones of the Inland Revenue Department, to have a business turnover of \$137,839 during the past 10 months instead of the \$3,000 per month claimed by the defendant.

BOY SENDS CABLE TO DR FUCHS

Oakville, Ontario, Jan. 6. A 17-year-old boy has sent a cable to Dr Vivian Fuchs urging him to complete the trans-Antarctic journey.

Tony Myrns may be the first person to send a commercial cable to the South Pole—where it will await the arrival of the expedition—and it cost him \$2.75.

The cable presented Canadian Pacific Telegraph with a problem. They had to check with the United States Navy to find out if it could be done, and the Navy agreed to pass the cable to its South Pole base.

TELL HIM

The cable read: "Impossible Shackleton to stopover at Pole. You cannot emulate him if you do. Good luck. C.A. Myrns."

Tony sent the cable after telling his father that Dr Fuchs should not stay at the South Pole if he wanted to cross the Antarctica.

DEATH OF OLD HK RESIDENT

Mrs Elizabeth Sherry, wife of Mr J. P. Sherry, former Managing Director of the Hongkong Telephone Co. Ltd, died this morning at 6 o'clock at St Paul's Hospital. She was 63.

Mrs Sherry, who was an old resident in Hongkong, came here early in the year 1910. She was at one time closely associated with the activities of the Old Chero Club, and was the committee member of the Hongkong Benevolent Society.

She had been in indifferent health for some time and was admitted to hospital a week ago. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Martin and John, who are residents in California, and a daughter Kay, who is in Hongkong.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, passing the monument at 6.30 p.m.